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THE MINUTES OF
THE SYNOD OF ILLINOIS
IN SESSION AT CHICAGO, ILL.,
OCTOBER 21, 1902.

The Synod of Illinois met according to appointment on October 21, 1902, in the Hyde Park Presbyterian Church of Chicago, Illinois, and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, the Rev. Charles N. Wilder of Bloomington Presbytery, from Matt. 28, 16-20. His theme was, "The authority of Jesus Christ and His Presence with His People as Proven by the Growth and Development of the Church."

After the sermon the Synod was constituted with prayer. The Rev. Geo. P. Williams, acting stated clerk, prepared the roll, which is as follows:

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The Rev. E. C. Ray and The Rev. T. H. Candor of the Synod of Illinois.

The Rev. Stowell E. Bryant and The Rev. F. D. Sheets of the Rock River M. E. Conference.

The Rev. E. L. Lord of the Presbytery of Ottawa was chosen Moderator. The Rev. D. T. Robertson of Chicago Presbytery and the Rev. S. W. Findley of Schuyler Presbytery were chosen Temporary Clerks.

The Committee appointed to nominate a Stated and a Permanent Clerk, reported through its Chairman, The Rev. Geo. P. Williams. The report in full with recommendations was

unanimously adopted. Pending the reading of the report, the following letters was read from the Stated Clerk:

Stated Clerk's Letter.

National City, California, Oct. 14, 1902.

Rev. G. P. Williams, *Chairman of Committee on Nomination of Clerks.*

Dear Brother: In surrendering the office of Stated Clerk and Treasurer of the Synod of Illinois, which I have been permitted to hold since the consolidation of the Synods in 1882, I desire to make feeble expression of my gratitude to God and thanks to the Synod for so long and so happy a continuance in the same.

While the work at times, in connection with large pastoral duties, has seemed to be onerous, the far exceeding compensation has come to me through these years, in the intimate communion with so many of the fathers and brethren who have rested from their labors, and the larger fellowship of those who are in the present stress of battle.

The calm register of age and abillties reminds me that I must rest my hand and bid my heart await His holy will, but it is an inexpressible joy to me that I shall not be obliged to yield the memories and influences of these years. These are true treasures which enrich the present life and are laid up fadeless and priceless in the life beyond.

Always your brother,

D. S. JOHNSON.

(The following letter was received later by the Stated Clerk.

Permanent Clerk's Letter:

Prairie City, Ill., Oct. 20, 1902.

Rev. Chas. N. Wilder, D.D., *Moderator of Synod of Illinois.*

Dear Sir and Brother:—Permit me through you to express to the Synod of Illinois in closing my twenty years' service as permanent clerk of this body my grateful appreciation of the high honor conferred on me, and above this for the never failing brotherly kindness so generously bestowed on me through all these years, the remembrance of which will ever be precious.

These years have been marked by a steadily growing interest and power in the annual meetings of the Synod, due no doubt in great part to the enlargement of its work in assuming entire care of its dependent churches, and its awakening to the pressing demands of the new century for world wide evangelism. May the Lord continue his blessing and vastly increase the power and multiply the fruits of its labors in the world wide extension of His kingdom.

Respectfully yours,

S. H. HYDE.)

Report of the Special Committee appointed to nominate Stated and Permanent Clerks for the Synod of Illinois.

Your committee appointed to report nominations for the office of Stated and Permanent Clerks of the Synod begs leave to report as follows:

1. That no action was taken by your committee looking towards the nomination of successors to the Rev. D. S. Johnson, D. D., who for twenty years has been Stated Clerk of the Synod, and of the Rev. S. H. Hyde, D. D., for the same period the Permanent Clerk, until it had been fully assured that it would be impossible to prevail upon these brethren to continue in the offices which they had so long filled with such signal ability and fidelity.

2. Before placing any names before you, your committee desires in the interest of the economy of time, but still more, that every member of the Synod may have opportunity by his vote, as well as by any public statement he may care to make, to voice his appreciation of the long years of faithfulness on the part of these brethren, who now desire to retire, your committee recommends the appointment of a Committee of Synod of which the retiring Moderator shall be chairman, to draught appropriate resolutions which, when adopted, shall fittingly express the feeling of the Synod occasioned by this change in the office of Stated and Permanent Clerk.

3. When it became apparent that it could not be the pleasant duty of your committee to report the names of these same brethren as nominees for re-election, it carefully set itself to the task of finding successors whose names, when placed in nomination upon the floor of Synod, would meet with your instant and hearty approval. From the first our difficulty has been, not to find members of the Synod who could ably perform the duties of the offices and render acceptable service therein, but to find the ones whose experience, as well as natural gifts, would best qualify them, and at the same time, brethren whose future prospects might give promise of their being able to continue in the work of the Synod during the full term of service, as their predecessors have done, and who would most satisfactorily represent the many interests committed to the care of the brethren placed in these offices.

For Stated Clerk and Treasurer of the Synod of Illinois we desire to nominate a brother who has been for many years a Presbyterial Stated Clerk, one who is familiar with Ecclesiastical law and the deliverances of the Assembly; a modest man, yet one who is quite equal to the duty of advising with the Synod's Moderator at any time that officer may need his counsel; a man who, we believe meets, the requirements already referred to. We nominate the Rev. George J. E. Richards, the present Stated Clerk of Schuyler Presbytery.

Recognizing the chief work of the Permanent Clerk to be the keeping

of an accurate record of the doings of the Synod, and the keeping of all the records, files, papers, etc., in order and easy of access during the Sessions of Synod, and the preparation of this mass of matter for publication in the briefest, most compact, yet clearest manner, we have selected the name of a brother who has had experience in this work as a Presbyterial Temporary Clerk and also as an editor and general newspaper man, acquainted with the work of preparing copy for the printer. We nominate the Rev. Sherman L. Divine, one of the present Temporary Clerks of Chicago Presbytery.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

G. P. WILLIAMS.
C. C. MILLER.

Pursuant to their report, the Rev. Geo. J. E. Richards of Schuyler Presbytery, was elected Stated Clerk and Treasurer, and the Rev. Sherman L. Divine of Chicago Presbytery, Permanent Clerk, by Acclamation.

The Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements presented the printed program for the proceedings of the Synod which was adopted and is as follows:

PROGRAM.

Tuesday Evening, October 21, 1902.

7:30 Sermon by the Moderator.....The Rev. C. N. Wilder
8:30 The Synod constituted with prayer.
Election of Moderator and Temporary Clerks.
Election of Stated Clerk and Treasurer, and of Permanent Clerk.
Program adopted and Report of Committee of Arrangements.
9:00 Adjourn with prayer.

Wednesday Morning, October 22, 1902.

8:30 The Communion of the Lord's Supper.
9:20 The roll called. Minutes read.
Corresponding members introduced to Synod.
Standing committees announced by the Moderator.
Records of the Presbyteries and papers presented and distributed to the proper committees.
9:40 Report on Board of Aid for Colleges.....
The Rev. J. W. Mann, Chairman
Address on the Work of the Board.....
By the Rev. Dr. E. C. Ray, Secretary and Treasurer
10:25 Report on Education.....The Rev. W. S. P. Bryan, Chairman
Address ..... By Dr. Edward B. Hodge, Secretary of the Board
Discussion of the Report.
11:25 Address on the Evangelistic Movement .....
By the Rev. Dr. Wm. J. Chichester, of the Committee

11:55 Song and Prayer.
12:00 Recess.

Wednesday Afternoon, Oct. 22, 1902.

1:30 Reports on the Contingent and Mileage Funds.....
By the Treasurer, the Rev. D. S. Johnson
1:40 Report on Bills and Overtures.
1:50 Report of Judicial Committee.
2:00 Blackburn University Report, with discussion.
3:00 Home Missions.
Report.....By the Rev. Thos. D. Logan, Chairman
Treasurer's Report.....By the Rev E. L Lord, Treasurer
Women's Home Missions Report...Mrs. C. W. Robinson, Pres.
Discussion.
Address.....
By the Rev Dr. Ramsay, of the Home Missions Board, N. Y.
4:40 Report on the Work Among the Freedmen.....
The Rev. A. F. Hertel, Chairman
4:45 Miscellaneous.
5:00 Recess.

Wednesday Evening, October 22, 1902.

Young People's Societies.

7:30 Report on the Work of the Young People.....
Doctor C. C. Miller, Chairman
Addresses by the Rev. Geo. Wm. Wright and others.

Thursday Morning, October 23, 1902.

8:30 Prayer servic . Minutes read.
9:00 Reports of Special Committees.
On Incorporation of the Synod.
On Finances.
On Minutes of the General Assembly.
On W. P. Association Request.
9:25 Report on Publication and Sunday School Work.....
The Rev. David G. Carson, Chairman
Address...By the Rev Dr. James A. Worden, Supt. of S. S. Work
10:00 Reports of Visitors to McCormick Theological Seminary and to Lake Forest College.
10:30 Report on Ministerial Relief...The Rev. John G. Klene, Chairman
Special Report of Elder R. H. Griffith on the same.
11:00 The Narrative of the State of Religion .....
The Rev. John H. Hatfield, Chairman
11:30 Devotional Season.
12:00 Recess.

Thursday Afternoon, October 23, 1902.

1:30 Report on Sabbath Observance....The Rev. R. B. Irwin, Chairman
1:45 Report on Church Erection .. ....The Rev. F. J. Tower, Chairman

2:00 Report on Temperance.....The Rev. Marion Humphrey, Chairman
Address.....
By William H. Anderson Esq., Supt. of Ill. Anti-Saloon League
2:40 Report on Systematic Beneficence .....
The Rev. Samuel W. Findley, Chairman
3:00 Address on American Tract Society .....
By the Rev. Dr. F. E. Shearer, Sec'y
Report on Foreign Missions .....Rev. W. S. Marquis
3:30 Report on Pastorates and Vacancies.....
The Rev. A. R. Bickenbach, Sec'y
4:00 Reports on Presbyterial Records.
4:15 Miscellaneous.
4:40 Place of next meeting and committee of arrangements appointed.
4:45 Report of Committee on Attendance and Absence.
4:50 Calling of the roll.
5:00 Recess.

Thursday Evening, October 23, 1902.

7:30 Foreign Missions Evening, Rev. S. M. Johnson to preside.
Report of Women's Foreign Mission Society.....
Mrs. S. O. Loughridge, Sec'y
Address.....Rev. Thomas H. Candor, Bogota
Address.....Rev. Paul D. Bergen, Tsingtan, China
Resolutions of thanks.
The Synod adjourns.

The Chairman of the Committee then presented the following order for the Administration of the Lord's Supper on the morrow, which was adopted: To preside, The Rev. Isaac A. Cornelison; to adminster the bread, The Rev. J. H. Stevenson; to administer the cup, The Rev. S- M. Morton. The following elders to serve the table, to distribute the bread: Geo. W. Harwood, E. S. Wells, E. B. Smith, R. T. Higgins, S. S. Scott, G. E. Thornton, Wm. Cameron, Frank Carson; to distribute the wine, L. E. Morris, C. N. Black, W. J. Williams, Wm. Neil, Wm. Beattie, S. P. Hyde, S. M. Parr, J. J. Bergen.

Synod then adjourned with prayer, until 8:30 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Wednesday Morning, 8:30 o'clock.

The Synod met and celebrated the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper according to the order previously taken.

Synod was then opened with prayer, led by The Rev. C. E. Dunn.

Roll was completed.

The minutes of last evening were read and approved.

The following brethren being present were invited to sit as corresponding members: The Rev. E. C. Ray and the Rev. T. H. Candor of the Synod of Illinois; The Rev. Chas. E. Edwards, the Rev. J. S. Ramsay, the Rev. E. B. Hodge and the Rev. Jas. A. Worden of the Synod of Pennsylvania; The Rev F. L. Shearer of the Synod of New York; and the Rev. Paul D. Bergen of the Synod of North China.

The Stated Clerk was instructed to forward a telegram to the Rev. D. S. Johnson, National City, Cal., expressing the Synod's regret at his absence from us.

The Moderator announced the following Standing Committees:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Vice Moderator—Rev. W. S. Davis,

I. BILLS AND OVERTURES.

Charles N Wilder, Pleasant Hunter, T. H. Allen, C. E. Dunn, Robert Pogue, T. T. Roberts, Wm. Beattie.

II. JUDICIAL BUSINESS.

B. Y. George, C. B. McAfee, J. W. Pugh, Jas. Frothingham, E. S. Wells, Geo. W. Harwood, S. C. Hogue.

III. MINUTES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Geo. P. Williams, H. K. Sanborne, S. L. Allison, G. B. Hemenway, R. T. Higgins.

IV. ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCE.

William Parsons, R. F. Cressy, Geo. R. Smith, Albert Ellis, W. P. Liddell.

V. FINANCE AND TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.

W. H. Hayden, Charles F. Kimball, W. R. Parkinson.

RECORDS OF PRESBYTERIES.

ALTON.

W. F. Irwin, J. M. Thompson, Geo. E. Thornton.

BLOOMINGTON.

Clarence G. Reynolds, D. G. Carson, J. L. Findley.

CAIRO.

W. H. Allison, Elisha Safford, J. J. Bergen.

CHICAGO.

J. H. Stevenson, Geo. E. Hunt, E. J. Lockyer.

FREEPORT.

W. B. Minton, T. E. Spilman, H. C. Dexter.

MATTOON.

H. Cullen, Wm. T. Angus, C. M. Piper.

OTTAWA.

S. M. Morton, F. A. Hosmer, H. H. Stryker.

PEORIA.

Jos. W. Mann, John A. Blair, L. E. Morris.

ROCK RIVER.

I. A. Cornelison, J. I. Crane, C. M. Black.

SCHUYLER.

Wm. Torrance, Wm. H. Foulkes, W. J. Williams.

SPRINGFIELD.

E. H. Montgomery, H. B Allen, Wm. Cameron.

The Stated Clerk presented the papers in his hands addressed to the Synod, which were referred to their appropriate committees.

The report of the Committee on Railroad Certificates was approved as follows:

"The former Stated Clerk, to whom was referred some changes in the granting of railroad certificates by the Passenger Associations, reports that their decision to permit clergymen, as well as laymen, to purchase in going full fare tickets and return home on one-third tickets, appears, on the whole, to be reasonable.

D. S. JOHNSON."

Rev. G. B. Safford, G. W. Harwood and H. S. Randall were appointed a committee on Railroad Certificates.

The committee on Aid for Colleges and Academies presented its report through the Rev. J. W. Mann, and the Rev. E. C. Ray, secretary of the Board of Aid for Colleges and Academies, addressed the Synod, after which the report was adopted together with the recommendations, as follows:

No more serious question confronts the Presbyterian church than that which relates to the proper education of her youth.

Humanly speaking, her perpetuity not to say prosperity, depends upon the manner in which that work is accomplished. She must provide the means for the Christian education of her young men and young women in institutions under her own control if she is to maintain her rank and influence among the great aggressive forces which are to subdue our country and the world for Christ.

Our church has always taken pride in her educational institutions. Her friends have affirmed that she is "a college building and a college endowing church." But whatever her title to such a distinction in the past may have been, she has certainly lost her claim to preeminence in this line, especially in the West.

But that is what she must be and become in an increasing degree, if she is to maintain her hold upon her young men and young women and prepare them for the high and responsible positions of leaders in her service. The church can not afford to turn over the education of her sons and daughters to non-religious schools and colleges. To do this is to sap the very foundations on which her power for good depends. To her own schools and colleges, conducted for the express purpose of developing Christian manhood and womanhood and educating men and women for Christian service, she must look for her teachers and preachers and her most effective workers.

The Bible and all religious influences are being more and more eliminated from our state universities and from our public schools. We cannot depend upon such schools to furnish teachers and missionaries for the church. Nor can we expect the colleges of other religious denominations to turn out leaders for the Presbyterian church.

Statistics gathered from 54 colleges, 35 of which are church colleges and the remaining 19 undenominational and state institutions, show that 77 per cent. of the seniors in Congregational colleges are Christians; that 82 per cent. are Christians in Presbyterian colleges; 68 per cent. in Baptist; 72 per cent. in Methodist; and 73 per cent. in other church colleges: 62 per cent. in undenominational colleges; and 47 per cent. in state institutions. Of these seniors 12 per cent. were found studying for the ministry in Congregational colleges; 20 per cent. in Presbyterian colleges; 29 per cent. in Baptist; 24 per cent. in Methodist; 20 per cent. in other church

colleges; 8 per cent. in undenominational, and only 2 per cent. in state institutions. These figures speak most eloquently in favor of the great work which our Board of Aid for Colleges and Academies is doing.

They are planting and sustaining schools where there is the greatest need—especially in the great west—upon conditions which insure that their influence will be most widely felt for Christ and the Church. For only those colleges and academies are aided which are under Presbyterian control, and in which strong Christian and spiritual influences prevail and systematic Bible study is made an integral part of the course.

Schools with consecrated teachers doing their work in a missionary spirit; with daily worship, young people's societies and a total life that influences pupils toward Christ and young men toward the ministry are the kind which receive its aid and no other.

During the nineteen years of its existence this Board has aided seventy-eight institutions in twenty-nine states and territories. There have been enrolled in these institutions more than 50,000 students, nearly 7,000 of these being in college classes and more than 31,000 in academic; more than 13,000 of whom have been engaged in classical study, while nearly 40,000 have engaged in systematic Bible stupy, 23,665 being church members, 2,938 being credibly converted during their courses, and 2,856 meaning to be ministers.

The value of property secured by the Board to 44 institutions	$1,521,158
Indebtedness of 30 institutions paid	377,997
Endowment secured to 13 institutions	413,754
Total	$2,312,909

3,500 churches and church organizations gave to this Board last year	$ 44,695
Individuals gave	162,564
From legacies, interest, etc	15,575

Of all our churches some 4,400 or nearly sixty per cent. gave nothing to this work through the Board. Many of them gave no doubt to the general work for in the Assembly minutes $425,421 are reported as given to aid for colleges.

Of the Synods 472 churches, 238, more than one-half, gave nothing to this Board. The average amount per member given by the churches of the Assembly was about 4¼ cents, by the churches of the Synod about 5½ cents per member.

During the last year the Board received and disbursed $222.000, an increase over previous years of $69.000. This increase, however, was mostly from individual gifts, the increase in church offerings being only $1,200.

Most of these individual gifts and many of the church offerings were designed for particular instructions so that the Board was enabled to distribute only $24.000 to twenty-two colleges and academies for current expenses where at least $50,000 was needed.

More than one-half of the 3,000 students in the 22 institutions aided by the Board last year are church members, 147 were credibly converted during the year, and 133 were studying for the ministry. Truly this Board is accomplishing "a great work on small means."

The Secretary of the Board says "It costs perhaps one-fifth as much to run all our aided colleges as it does to carry on one great eastern college with one-third the number of students."

We call special attention, in the annual report of the Board, to the comparative statistics of the collges and universities of four leading denominations in the West. Where the Baptists have 42 colleges with property valued at $6,000,000; the Congregationalists have 23 colleges, with property valued at $4,000,000; Methodists 40 colleges, with property valued at $5,500,000; Presbyterians 22 colleges, with property valued at $2,500,000.

The productive ednowment of

Baptist institutions	$7,000,000
Congregationalist	3,000,000
Methodists	6,000,000
Presbyterians	1,500,000

The annual income of the

Baptist colleges	$1,000,000
Congregationalists	400,000
Methodists	900,000
Presbyterians	230,000

The Presbyterian church cannot afford to thus fall behind her sister churches in the great work of christian education. These figures ought to stimulate us to earnest effort to stand along side of them. The Presbyterian church is able to fully endow the institutions she already has, and to establish others when needed if she can be made to see the necessity and importance of the work.

Your committee would therefore recommend:

1. That all our ministers carefully study the Annual Report of the Board for 1902.

2. That they observe Education Day in their churches at which time by sermons and addresses they shall seek to impress upon our people the paramount necessity of planting and sustaining Christian colleges and academies, especially in the West. and that they impress upon their churches the importance of giving through the church offerings for the support of this work.

3. That our pastors do what they can to induce individuals of large means to give to this Board.

4. That we heartily commend the Secretary and the other members of the Board for their diligent and faithful efforts to promote this cause and promise them earnest co-operation in this great work.

5. That the application of Blackburn college to the Board, for the

privilege of soliciting the College Board offerings of the Presbyteries of of Alton, Bloomington, Mattoon, Peoria, Schuyler and Springfield for the expenses of the current college year, be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Mann, Chairman.

The report of the Committee on Education prepared by the Rev. W. S. P. Bryan was read by Rev Geo. R. Smith and after an address by the Rev. E. B. Hodge, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Education, the report with its recommendations was adopted as follows:

To the Synod of Illinois in session at Hyde Park Church, October 21,1902:

The Permanent Committee on Ministerial Education would respectfully report to the Synod that the measures that were adopted by the Synod at its meeting last year at Jacksonville, looking towards the development of interest of our churches and our young men in the increase of the number of candidates for the ministry, have been so far successful as to indicate that they need only to be actively forwarded to accomplish their end. Several Presbyteries report the presentation of this cause from the pulpits and at the various institutions of learning, and there is here and there, an increase in the number of candidates, arising out of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the churches. While enough has been gained to show that this is the true method, enough has not yet been even undertaken to warrant any very lively hopes of a speedy increase. Our young men and our churches alike need a new sense of the meaning and the Divine value of the ministry as the messengers of Christ, and this can be had only by a fresh and urgent presentation of Gospel teaching upon this subject in our pulpits, at our institutions of learning and in personal intercourse with our young men. No more worthy theme can engage our thought, and on no subject can the Christian minister speak with more confidence. To Paul the ministry was a "grace," and it was given to him "to declare among the gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ." And those who have caught Paul's spirit will view the holy office as a "grace," even today, when the difficulties of it press so hard and individual places in it vary so much. From the fervent appeal of a man of Paul's spirit, the hearts of many of our young men will surely catch the sacred fire, which will burn until they have dedicated themselves to this cause.

The Church would profit greatly by a return to the Pauline method as well as to the Pauline spirit. It is very aptly shown in the report of the Board of Education that, in Apostolic days, there were no vacant churches to be filled and no missionary treasuries to guarantee support and transportation and furlough, and yet men filled with the Spirit were raised up, who went everywhere preaching the Word. However few vacancies there are to be filled, it remains true that the world today needs

the preaching of the Gospel far beyond the supply of ministers in regular charge. Who knows but that a return to the Apostolic method of preaching anywhere and everywhere, even at one's own charges, and without any financial guarantees, would be owned of God today, as it has been so often owned during the last 1900 years. Nothing could vindicate the disinterested devotion of the ministry to its divine vocation more triumphantly than this.

The statistics of the year show a continuing decline in the number of candidates. 810 are reported, a decline of 107 from the figures of last year, and for several years past this decline has continued. Of the 810, 572 received aid from the Board of Education, and it is noteworthy that this number is 71 less than it was 68 years ago, in 1834. Of those under the Board, 317 were in the seminary, 220 in college and 35 in their preparatory courses. Our Synod reports a total of 37 candidates this year, and $60,725 given to Education. The number of candidates is in lamentable contrast with the number 6 years ago, and of the sum reported only $2,812 found its way into the treasury of the Board. By reason of the decline in the number of candidates, the Board has been able to give scholarships of $100 to seminary students and of $90 to college students, a marked advance upon its scholarships of the last few years. This increase is opportune for those receiving it, but it is not a pleasant reflection that it is at the price of a decreasing list of candidates, and that the gain of the individual is at a loss to the Church as a whole.

Further, this appearent abundance will surely prove illusory as soon as the reaction for which we pay sets in. Unless the contributions be greatly enlarged, there will be acute privation when the Scholarships again fall to $60 and $65. In view of these facts, the Committee recommends to Synod that:

1. Pastors and church sessions be urged to engage and to continue earnestly in the systematic advocacy of the claims of the ministry, both from the pulpits of their churches and from the platforms of our colleges, as well as in private, and that each presbytery of the Synod be requested to institute vigorous propaganda to this end.

2. That our young men already candidates be encouraged to look forward to a ministry which is to be distinctly aggressive in its character seeking rather an advance upon what the church now is and has, than merely the supply of our existing vacancies. The work of the church, to keep pace with its growing opportunities must take on a more aggressive character, and this character will be had only as our ministry is filled with an aggressive spirit.

3. That our churches be encouraged to increase their offerings to this cause, so as to provide funds sufficient for all present needs, and to prepare the way for the larger demands, which, under God's blessing, will surely be made upon the resources of the Church; and that, to this

end, the pastors be requsted to present this cause with new zeal to their respective congregations.

All of which is respectfully submitted for the Committee.

W. P. Bryan, Chairman.

The Rev. Geo. R. Smith of Urbana, a member of the Synod Committee on Education, called the attention of the Synod to the growing religious interest and work at the State University situated between Urbana and Champaign. He showed that over one-half the students are members of evangelical churches, of whom 317 are Presbyterians. The Young Men's and the Young Women's Christian Associations are active in prayer meetings, in Bible study and mission study, assisted by members of the faculty and men outside the University. There is a Volunteer Band of thirteen members, eight men and five women, pledged for Foreign Missions.

The Stated Clerk reported the following telegram sent to the Rev. D. S. Johnson, National City, Cal.:

"The Synod of Illinois sends you its love and sympathy. See Numbers 6:24-26."

The Rev. Wm. J. Chichester delivered an address on the evangelistic movement, making a strong appeal for individual work for individual men.

The Moderator appointed as committee to draft resolutions in the matter of the retirement from official position in the Synod of the Rev. D. S. Johnson and the Rev. S. H. Hyde the following ministers: C. N. Wilder, I. A. Cornelison and Chas. S. Hoyt.

The Rev. C. E. Edwards was given five minutes in which to present the needs and work among the Slavonic peoples in America.

After singing and prayer Synod took recess until 1:30 P.M.

Wednesday Afternoon, 1:30 o'Clock.

Synod was opened with prayer by the Rev. B. Y. George.

The Records of Ottawa Presbytery were approved without exception.

The Judicial Committee reported that no business had come to their hands. By consent the address on the American Tract Society by the Rev. F. E. Shearer, Sec'y, was transferred from

its place on the program for Thursday afternoon and he was now heard on the work of the society.

At the close of the address the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved: That the Synod records its high estimate of the American Tract Society as an expression and embodiment of Christian unity, and an agency for the dissemination of the essential truths of the Bible; that we emphasize its timely provision of reading in the languages of the immigrants and placing these books and tracts, and the Holy Scriptures by colportage in the homes of these stangers segregated in our cities or elsewhere; its missionary laborers among the Mormons, Freedmen, miners, and others; its liberal grants of tracts in aid of our home missionaries and other Christian workers, and especially its world-wide work in creating and printing a vernacular Christian literature in 155 languages or dialects at missionary stations abroad at a total outlay of $742,000.00.

And further, reiterating the recent action of the General Assembly,

Resolved: That the Synod earnestly commends the American Tract Society to the support of the benevolent everywhere, and urges that each of our churches make an annual offering for it, and that each Presbytery appoint a Standing Committee on its work.

The report of the committee of visitors to Blackburn University was presented by the Rev. J. H. Hatfield.

The vice moderator was called to the chair.

The claims of Blackburn University were presented to the Synod by the Rev. W. H. Bradley, acting president, the Rev. T. D. Logan, chairman of the board of trustees, and Prof. J. A. Zellar, financial agent.

The following resolution, presented by the Rev. Wm. Parsons, was adopted:

Resolved. That this Synod reaffirms its interest in and its adoption of Blackburn University as its educational institution for Central and Southern Illinois, and recommends it to the ministry and membership of the Presbyterian Church in this state of Illinois for their interest and sympathy, to the parents for the education of their sons and daughters, to donors for gifts to the current expense and endowment funds of the school.

The following resolution, presented by the Rev. Richard T. Harlan, was adopted:

Resolved. That a special committee of five, of which the Moderator shall be the chairman, be appointed to consider the whole question of Christian Education in the State of Illinois as carried on by colleges and schools under Presbyterian auspices and to report to the next meeting of

Synod. The work of this committee shall be to visit the colleges and schools, to consult with the heads of the various institutions, separately and collectively, to consider any plans that may be suggested in the direction of affiliation or consolidation, and to endeavor to arouse the whole church in the State to the importance of the whole subject of Christian Education, the committee to ho d its first meeting not later than Jan. 1st, 1903.

The treasurer's report, prepared by the Rev. D. S. Johnson, and referred to the financial committee for consideration together with the vouchers was read by the Stated Clerk, whereupon said committee made the following report which was adopted:

Your Financial Committee to whom was referred the report of the Treasurer of Synod for examination, begs leave to report that it has carefully examined the accounts and the accompanying vouchers and find the same in substance to be correct, with some slight inaccuracies, probably due to the enfeebled condition of your beloved Treasurer during the past year, and which we think can be adjusted by conference with the late Treasurer, We recommend the vote of assessment suggested by the Rev. D. S. Johnson, namely, a per capita assessment on the membership for one cent for contingent expenses and one cent for the mileage fund for the year 1903. Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. HAYDEN, Chairman.

The Committee on Resolutions, in the matter of the resignation of the Revs. D. S. Johnson and S. H. Hyde, gave the following report which was adopted:

The Rev. David S. Johnson, D. D., for 20 years Stated Clerk and Treasurer of the Synod of Illinois, and the Rev. Smith H. Hyde, D. D., for the same period Permanent Clerk of the Synod, having upon their own request been released from the further service of the Synod, the Synod hereby directs that the following minutes be entered in the records of Synod and a copy of the same be sent to each of the brethren:

The Synod reluctantly releases these brethren from the offices they have so long filled. Their services have been most efficient. With conspicuously painstaking fidelity they have done their work. We shall greatly miss their agreeable presence in Synod. Their duties were never light, often they were most arduous, but they never shrank from any service whereby the interests of the Synod and the Church could be advanced. Their sweet Christian spirit will long linger with the Synod, their high ideals we will strive to keep before us. We heartily commend them to God and the word of his grace, praying that they may be kept to the end of the period of earthly service and at the end receive the crowns of glory awaiting the faithful servants of God.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures presented the following report:

1. Your Committee on Bills and Overtures recommend that a paper concerning the chairmanship of the Committee on Education be placed in the hands of that committee.

It was so ordered.

2. The following overture has been placed in its hands:

"The Presbytery of Peoria would respectfully overture the Synod of Illinois for an answer to the following questions, viz:

"1. When there are several delegates from a Presbytery to the Synod, and a principal is unable to attend, may any one of the alternates take his seat in the Synod? If so, how is the selection to be made?

"2. May the principal himself make the selection? or;

"3. Shall the alternates take the place of the principal who is unable to attend, in the order of their selection; that order to be certified by the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery?

"Adopted at Delevan, Ill., Sept. 9, 1902.

"Isaac A. Cornelison, S. C."

The committee recommend answer as follows:

That each Presbytery has the power to determine for itself in what manner it shall provide for representation in the Synod."

The Report was adopted in full.

The Rev. Stowell C. Bryant of the Rock River M. E. Conference and the Rev. W. H. Hyatt of the Synod of Ohio being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Prof. Geo. L. Robinson extended a cordial invitation to the members of Synod to visit McCormick Seminary.

The Vice Moderator was called to the chair.

The Rev. Thomas D. Logan, chairman of the Committee on Home Missions, presented its report, which was received, adopted, and is as follows:

This has been a great year for Home Missions. In May, the General Assembly met in New York and celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of the organized effort of the Presbyterian Church to win this land for Christ. It was a most inspiring celebration. The story of the work of the Church during this century tells of many heroic acts of the modern apostles, the pioneers of the cross, who have proclaimed the gospel message throughout the vast region stretching from the Alleghenies to the Pacific, and from Alaska to Porto Rico. More than 5,600 churches have been organized, and in part supported by Home Mission funds, and hundreds of schools have been maintained among the exceptional populations of our land It has been estimated that nine-tenths of all our Pres-

byterian Churches owe their existence directly or indirectly to the fostering care of Home Missions. In all more than $23,000,000 have been expended in this most important work.

While the review of the past is inspiring, the future outlook should fill the soul of every Christian patriot with glowing enthusiasm. The Lord has given us splendid opportunities for evangelizing the millions who have come from the old world to find homes amongst us, and for keeping this land loyal to Jesus Christ, so that in its strategic position on the western highway between Europe and Asia, it may exert a mighty influence in winning the whole world to the truth. Well may it be said, in the eloquent language with which the secretary of the Board of Home Missions closed his address to the Assembly: "Could we thus crowd opportunity; could the martial spirit of the heroes of earthly battles thoroughly possess the soldiers of Christ, how swift and strong would the columns move across prairies and mountains, across islands and continents, till not one flag should fly that was not loyal to the name and the kingdom of Jesus Christ."

It is gratifying to be able to report that the Synod of Illinois has had an increased share in this general work of Home Missions, through the contributions which have overflowed from its treasury into that of the Board. Our scheme is no longer an experiment, but has proved an effective method of doing efficient work within our own borders, and of reaching out to the regions beyond. This has been most heartily recognized by the officers of the Home Board, who have cheerfully printed a detailed statement of our receipts in their annual report, and have shown a disposition to co-operate with us in every way. The contributions of the churches of this Synod to this cause have been $33,176, an increase of $1,974 over last year. To this the Women's Societies and Mission Bands have added $20,977 for the support of Mission Schools, making a total of $54,153. Other contributions to Home Missions swell the entire amount, as reported in the Minutes of the General Assembly, to $76,148, an increase of $2,996 over the contributions of the previous year. The most encouraging feature of this advance is that the increase of contributions sent through the channels of the church is relatively larger than the increase of contributions made in other ways. The Young People's Societies have contributed $603 to the work as carried on by the Synodical Committee, in addition to their contributions through the Woman's Board. On the other hand the increasing demands of the work within our own borders have called for an expenditure of $28,907, an increase of $4,454 over last year. Chicago has expended $1,928 more than last year on its own mission work, but what is such an advance compared with the demands incident to the rapidly increasing population of the great metropolis? Presbyterians are liberal contributors. Let them send a larger proportion of their offerings through the treasurer of the Home Mission Committee, and it will be able to solve more effectively the problems of city evangelization. Most of the rural Presbyteries have increased the

amount expended on their own fields, but we have still to report fifty churches not regularly supplied with the means of grace. Many of these have but a nominal existence.

The spiritual results of the labors of our missionaries, judged by the additions to their churches, are most gratifying, 1,341 having been added by profession of faith, and 549 by certificate, an average of 12 on profession and 5 by certificate for each missionary. Had this average been maintained throughout the entire church, its growth would have been double what it has been. An increase of contributions may be noted in most of the Presbyteries. yet the majority are still below the 30 cents a member which is regarded as essential to the success of our scheme, and several Presbyteries are still lagging below 20 cents per member. Outside of our great city, Illinois is a homogeneous state, the conditions not varying greatly in the several parts. Let the brethren in the delinquent Presbyteries make special efforts to bring the work to the attention of the people, and we feel confident that they will respond with increased liberality. In this year of abounding prosperity, with its increased cost of living, there ought to be a more liberal feeling throughout the Church with respect to the support of the ministry. Yet we have noted but few instances even among the self-supporting Churches of the Synod of Illinois, in which there has been an increase of salary corresponding to increased expenses. The west is not keeping pace with the east in this matter. Tradesmen of all kinds have been granted an increase of wages, and public sentiment has commended the advance; but ministers of the gospel have had to struggle on with the same inadequate support, and are poorer than ever in the midst of plenty. These things ought not to be so. The difficulties experienced by our Presbyterial Committees in supplying the weaker churches would be far less if a larger amount were contributed by the members of the assisted Church. Several of our committees have found that a church desiring the services of a favorite minister is able to raise a much larger amount than they have been giving, showing that it is not poverty that caused the former stringency. They had the money to give if they had been so disposed. Let the churches learn to give liberally for the support of a pastor, rather than a particular minister, and they will soon attract to themselves the kind of ministers they want.

The past year has been marked, by a number of changes in the membership of the Presbyterial Committees, and consequently in the composition of the Synodical committee. The new men have taken hold of the work with enthusiasm, and have done efficient service. The frequency of changes however, has made it desirable that there be a more uniform system of administration throughout the entire Synod. The Committee has accordingly prepared a supplemental report embodying a code of rules which we submit to the Synod for its approval.

This year closes the period for which your chairman was appointed by the Synod to supervise the work of Home Missions within its bounds. The advance has not been as rapid as he desired, and much must yet be

accomplished before the Synod of Illinois is brought up to the standard of efficiency. Still there has been gratifying progress, and you have reason to thank God, take courage and move forward. May the next administration be far more successful in the furtherance of this great cause.

The Committee recommends the adoption of the code of rules, and the prosecution of the work with increased rigor. Actual salaries paid missionaries outside Chicago:

$175—1, $350—1, 400—1, $475—1, $500—3, $500 and a parsonage—3, $575—2, $550 and a parsonage—1, $575 and a parsonage—1, $600—5, $600 and parsonage—8, $650—7, $650 and parsonage—5, $675 and parsonage—1, $700—9, $700 and parsonage—10, $725—2, $725 and parsonage—1, $750 and parsonage—6, $775—1, $800—3, $800 and parsonage—4, $850—1, $900—3, $950 and parsonage—1, $1100—1.

In Chicago:—$300—1, $400—1, $500—1, $525—1, $600—1, 800—2, $800 and parsonage—1, $900—1, $1000—7, $1052—2, $1100—1, $1200—9, $1325—1, —$1500—7.

A general view of our work is given in the summary appended hereto.

T. D. Logan, Chairman.

Summary of Home Missions Work, Synod of Illinois:

PRESBYTERIES	Total 1901	Total 1902	Alton	Bloomington	Cairo	Chicago	Freeport	Mattoon	Ottawa	Peoria	Rock River	Schuyler	Springfield
Missionaries	100	112	7	8	11	39	6	8	3	5	6	12	7
Assisted Churches and Missions	131	147	13	9	19	36	7	13	3	8	8	18	13
Assisted in Groups	51	66	10	2	14	2	2	10		6	2	10	8
Number of Groups	24	31	4	1	6	1	1	5		3	1	5	4
Mem. in Home Miss. Churches	9,406	9,760	619	553	1,171	4,381	469	805	332	398	401	980	651
Added by Profession	875	1,341	62	69	121	627	59	74	15	106	13	93	105
Added by Certificate	447	549	25	19	43	295	21	51	23	4	4	17	47
Adult Baptisms	172	482	32	33	44	115	31	18	8	52	8	68	74
Infant Baptisms	382	409	32	19	54	210	18	15	7	10	9	19	16
Amount of Aid Given	$24,453	$28,907	$1,177	$1,347	$1,570	$17,122	$880	$1,340	$517	$785	$1,393	$1,900	$876
H. M. Churches give to Syn. H. M.	1,983	1,936	169	112	274	577	112	$169	110	62	126	110	115
To Boards of the Church	5,104	6,051	202	342	397	2,932	430	413	207	74	150	599	305
Whole Number of Churches	476	467	49	54	42	88	30	34	20	38	36	42	34
Churches Self-supporting	297	293	28	32	20	56	33	18	15	24	27	21	19
Churches Not Supplied	39	50	5	10	19				3	4	2	4	3
Churches Giving to Synod H. M.	396	399	47	47	39	85	26	22	19	27	23	41	23
Amount	$30,497	$32,376	$1,103	$2,283	$1,083	$20,265	$1,067	$718	$582	$896	$1,173	$1,475	$1731
Average Per Member	.44	.44	.23	29	.29	.89	.23	.17	.18	.16	.25	.29	.31
Churches Not Giving This Way	71	65	2	7	3	3	4	12	1	10	13	1	9
Churches Giving to Home Board	41	57	8	8	5	5	3	6	1	5	7	5	4
Amount	$705	800	$52	$89	$69	$171	54	$86	$ 20	$ 70	$ 76	$ 73	$ 40
Total for Home Miss. Churches	$31,202	$33,176	$1,155	$2,372	$1,152	$20,436	$1,121	$804	602	966	1,249	1,548	1771
Chur. Giving to Women's Board	302	305	19	34	20	70	22	21	17	21	30	26	25
Amount for Home Miss. Schools	$17,677	$20,977	406	$2,521	$267	$11,648	$616	$ 647	$ 369	$1,149	$1,030	$ 961	$1813
Total for H.M.Churches and Sch's	48,879	54,153	$1,561	4,943	$1,419	32,084	$1,737	1,451	971	2,115	2,279	2,509	3084
Other Home Mission Offering	24,273	21,995	499	621	$881	14,300	1,378	656	300	1,134	1,451	430	850
Grand Total for Home Missions	73,152	76,148	2,060	$5,564	$1,800	46,384	3,110	2,107	1,271	3,249	3,730	[$2,930	3934
Y.P. Soc's. Giving to Synod H. M.	81		13	7	20		3	4	9		4		
Amount	$682	$603	$168	$47	$138	$11	$30	$8	$87	$8	$56	$78	$72
Churches Reaching Self-support	8	9		1		3		3					2
Cost of Administration	$506.28	$704.48	$21.70	$12.39	$14.00	$535.52	$41.25	$18.62	$3.50	$3.20	$18.75	$16.00	$19 55

The Treasurer of the Home Missions Synodical Fund, the Rev. E. L. Lord, presented his report, which having been previously approved by the Home Mission Committee was adopted and is as follows:

The Acting Treasurer of Synodical Home Missions submits the following report. Through the cordial co-operation of the Presbyterial Treasurers and Mr. Henry Olin, Treasurer of the New York Board, it is believed to be more complete and accurate than it has been usually possible to make it. The Synod owes much to the faithful labors of Dr. Johnson in the past, and his experienced hand will be much missed in this branch of his work.

I. Treasury of the Synodical Committee.

I—RECEIPTS.

October 1, 1901 to September 31, 1902.

Presbyteries.	From Presbyterial Treasurers.	From Synodical Missionary J. H. Rose.	Special from Churches, etc For N. Y. Board.	Total.
Alton		$82 50		$ 82 50
Bloomington	$650 00			650 00
Cairo		25 00		25 00
Chicago			*$1866 83	1866 83
Freeport	400 00			400 00
Mattoon		84 75		84 75
Ottawa	50 00			50 00
Peoria	250 00			250 00
Rock River	200 00	33 20	† 23 00	256 20
Schuyler	150 00	49 64	℔ 47 90	247 54
Springfield	700 00	33 08		733 08
Total	$2400 00	$ 308 17	$ 1937 73	$ 4645 90
Balance Cash October 1, 1901				221 65
Total Receipts				$ 4867 55

* Of this $20 is from the Church of the Covenant, Chicago, for work of Rev. J. L. Underwood in Porto Rico, and $1846.83 from Treasurer of Chicago Presbytery for General Work of Board.

† From Centre Church, Seaton, for General Work of Board.

℔ Special for work of Rev. J. L. Underwood at Aguadilla, Porto Rico.

II.—DISBURSEMENTS.

Administration Expenses.	Printing, etc.	$ 15 10	
" "	Postage, etc.	15 21	
" "	Committee Meeting, etc.	148 60	$ 178 91
Aided Presbytery of Cairo		400 00	
Synodical Missionary J. H. Rose		1250 00	1650 00
Sent N. Y. Board, designated for General Work		1869 83	
	Special for Porto Rico	67 90	
Appropriated by the Committee		1000 00	
			2937 73
Total Disbursements			$ 4766 64
Balance Cash on Hand October 1, 1902			100 91
			$4867 55

II. Treasuries of the Presbyterial Committees.

I—Receipts. October 1, 1901, to October 1, 1902.

PRESBYTERIES.	Balance on hand Oct. 1, 1901.	Churches Sunday Schools, Y. P. S. C. E. etc.	Grants From Synodical Treasurer.	Total Receipts.	Contributions Per Capita.
Alton	$ 445 88	$ 1103 57		$ 1549 45	.228
Bloomington	8 23	2256 17		2264 30	.288
Cairo	286 84	1065 61	$ 400 00	1752 45	.285
*Chicago	6128 09	20264 72		26392 81	.892
Freeport	300 29	1067 18		1367 47	.230
Mattoon	233 59	729 17		962 76	.164
Ottawa	48 25	675 21		723 46	.212
Peoria	319 72	939 92		1259 64	.168
Rock River	18 28	1173 93		1192 21	.253
Schuyler	336 60	1475 45		1812 09	.286
Springfield	237 47	1179 77		2417 24	.213
Total,	$9363 24	$31930 74	$ 400 00	$41693 98	.441

* Chicago Reports from April 1, 1901, to April 1, 1902.

II. Disbursements.

PRESBYTERIES.	Salaries of Missionaries.	Synodical Home Mission Treasurer.	Administration Expense.	Balance on Hand October 1, 1902.	Total.
Alton	$ 1153 06		$ 23 70	$ 372 69	$ 1549 45
Bloomington	1612 58	$ 650 00	10 14	†-- 8 32	2264 40
Cairo	1662 54		14 00	75 91	1752 45
Chicago	17121 70	1846 83	661 84	6762 44	26392 81
Freeport	821 67	400 00	41 25	104 55	1367 47
Mattoon	439 58		18 62	504 56	962 76
Ottawa	516 67	50 00	3 50	153 29	723 46
Peoria	806 15	250 00	3 20	200 29	1259 64
Rock River	727 10	200 00	23 55	241 56	1192 21
Schuyler	1121 32	197 90	13 15	479 72	1812 09
Springfield	1087 05	700 00	17 05	613 14	2417 24
Total,	$27069 42	$4294 73	$830 00	$ 9499 83	$41693 98

* Chicago reports April 1, 1901, to April 1, 1902. Missionaries $15,940.09; Rent and Fuel for missions, $733.39; Tent work, $448 22. Total for Mission Work in Chicago Presbytery, as above $17,121.70.

† Overdraft.

III. Receipts From Illinois by the New York Board.

October 1, 1901, to September 31, 1902.

Henry C. Olin, Treasurer.

PRESBYTERIES.	Through Women's Board.	Churches, Sunday Schools, Y. P. S. C. E., etc., direct to Board.	Sent by Synodical Treasurer.	Total Exclusive of Individuals and Legacies.	Gifts of Individuals.	Legacies.	Total from All Sources.
Alton	$ 367 84	$ 45 51	$ 31 08	$ 444 43	$ 1 00	$ 50 00	$ 495 43
Bloomington	2640 14	58 90	244 91	2943 95	.....	.....	2943 95
Cairo	264 05	37 60	9 42	311 07	.....	77 50	388 57
Chicago*	9060 02	107 13	†1866 83	11033 98	1366 76	.....	12400 74
Freeport	819 70	76 86	150 72	1047 28	.....	.....	1047 28
Mattoon	597 04	89 64	31 93	718 61	.....	1000 00	1718 61
Ottawa	315 32	20 00	18 84	354 16	.....	.....	354 16
Peoria	1329 21	202 79	94 20	1626 20	.....	.....	1626 20
Rock River	931 14	81 71	96 53	1109 38	1200 00	999 00	3308 38
Schuyler	1077 00	52 00	93 27	1222 27	.....	400 00	1622 27
Springfield	1637 38	37 20	¶ 300 00	1974 58	7 00	.....	1981 58
Not Located	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	1 00
Total.	19038 84	809 34	2937 73	22785 91	2575 76	2526 50	27888 17

*Reports April 1, 1901, to April 1, 1902.

†By special agreement Chicago sends 10 per cent. of total receipts to Synodical Treasurer, who forwards it to New York.

‡The remaining $770.90 sent to N. Y. Board is credited to the remaining Presbyteries in proportion to their total gifts to Synodical Treasury, the ratio being 37.68 per cent., on basis of Table I "Total."

¶By special request.

IV. Summary of Home Mission Contributions of the Synod of Illinois.

Through Women's Board	$19,038.84	
Churches, S. S., Y. P. S. C. E., etc.,	809.34	
Synodical Treasurer	2,937.73	
Total through agencies of the Church		$22,785 91
Gifts from Individuals Living	$ 2,575.76	
Legacies	2,526.50	
Total from individuals		5,102.26
Total received by N. Y. Board		$27,888.17
Retained for Presbyterial use	$27,683.91	
Retained for Synodical use	1,708.17	
Total for use in Illinois		$29,392 08
Total Home Mission gifts through Presbyteries, Synod and Board		$57,280.25
*City and other Missions		$21,039.39
Total gifts of Illinois Presbyterians for Home Missions		$78,319.64

*Assembly minutes April 1902 reports gifts to Home Missions, $76,007.00. At same date Board reports $22,702.49 and Synod $32,265.22, or a total of $54,967.71. This leaves $21,039.29 for city and other missions.

V. Missionaries, Contributing Churches and Averages.

Presbyteries.	Members Gen. Ass. Min.	Total Gifts Through Synod and Presbyteries.	Cents per Member.	Missionaries	Churches Giving.	Churches Not Giving
Alton	4850	† $ 1186 07	24.5	8	47	⁂ 2
Bloomington	7822	2256 17	28.8	8	47	8
Cairo	3733	1090 61	29.2	11	36	7
*Chicago	22718	20284 72	89.3	39	84	4
Freeport	4644	1067 18	23.0	6	26	4
Mattoon	4439	813 92	18.3	8	22	12
Ottawa	3187	675 21	21.2	3	19	6
Peoria	5596	939 92	16.8	7	26	12
Rock River	4643	1230 13	26.5	6	23	12
Schuyler	5146	1573 03	30.6	12	38	4
Springfield	5539	1212 85	21.9	9	23	9
Total	72317	$32329 81	44.7	117	391	80

* Report for year ending April 1, 1902.

† Includes all gifts to Presbyterial and Synodical Treasurers and Synodical Evangelist.

⁂ Some of these churches have contributed, but too late for this report. Most, however, exist only in name and are not disbanded on account of property interests or through hope of usefulness in the future.

Respectfully submitted, Edwin L. Lord,

Acting Treasurer Synodical Home Mission Committee.

The Synod listened to an address by the Rev. J. S. Ramsay of the Home Missions Board, after which the Rev. T. D. Logan was elected chairman of the Committee of Home Missions for the coming three years.

The report of the Woman's Synodical Society for Home Missions was read by Mrs. C. W. Robinson, president.

The following resolution presented by Rev. G. P. Williams was adopted:

Resolved: That the ladies' societies willing to supply boxes of clothing to Home Missionaries within the Synod be requested to notify the Synodical Secretary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and the chairman of the Home Missionary Committee be directed to give to the Secretary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society the names of such missionaries as should be supplied.

The Rev. E. L. Lord, Secretary of Synod's Home Missions Committee, presented a code of rules governing Home Mission work in the Synod and Presbyteries. They were placed in the hands of a committee of five appointed by the Vice Moderator for consideration.

The Education Committee recommended that the Rev. W. S. P. Bryan be reappointed chairman of that committee pursuant to the request noted below. The recommendation was adopted:

The undersigned chairmen of Standing Committees on Ministerial Education of the different Presbyteries of the Synod of Illinois respectfully request—unless some one has already been appointed—that the Rev. W. S. P. Bryan be continued chairman of the Synod's Standing Committee on Education until the next meeting of Synod.

Fraternally,

GEO. R. SMITH, Bloomington.
A. F. ERNST, Freeport.
O. H. CARMICHAEL, Mattoon.
JAS. G. BUTLER, Ottawa.
W. H. MASON, Peoria.
M. R. BEAR, Rock River.
AMOS H. DEAN, Schuyler.

After prayer Synod took recess until 7:30 tonight.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 7:30 O'CLOCK.

Synod opened with devotional exercises led by Elder C. C. Miller, who presented the report of the committee on Young People's Work, which was approved as follows:

For the first time since efforts were made to secure statistics on Young People's Work, reports have been received by your Committee from each Presbytery.

Of Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor, 285 are reported, 47 more than last year; still leaving 190 Churches in the Synod not reporting such societies.

The best soil for the growth of Christian Endeavor seems to be in the Presbytery of Schuyler—83 per cent. of the Churches in that Presbytery reporting societies. In the other Presbyteries the per cent is as follows:

Bloomington	74	Peoria	60
Freeport	73	Springfield	50
Alton	65	Mattoon	47
Chicago	63	Rock River	44
Ottawa	62½	Cairo	29

Total membership of these 285 societies, 10,511; 33 per cent male, 67 per cent female; 83 per cent active and 17 per cent associate members.

From these societies 793 have been added to the church—a little more than twice as many as last year.

In the matter of attendance at public services, there is a slight falling off as compared with last year. The per cent of attendance at the different meetings is as follows:

Society prayer meeting	58	Morning preaching service	49
Church prayer meeting	22	Evening preaching service	43

The best attendance at Society prayer meeting is found in the Presbytery of Chicago, being 74 per cent.

Ottawa Presbytery takes the lead in the other three services: 33 per cent at midweek prayer meeting, 70 per cent at morning preaching service, and 62 per cent at evening preaching service.

The total contributions of the societies are $17,205, or $1 65 per member, one cent per member more than last year. Out of every dollar of these contributions, Foreign Missions received 33 cents; Home Missions, 20 cents; other boards, 3 cents; other benevolences, 19 cents; Society expenses, etc., 25 cents. This shows 4 cents less to Foreign Missions than last year, and the same amount more to Home Missions.

Only six societies in the Synod are reported as contributing to all the Boards.

Of Junior Societies, 14 more are reported than last year, making 93 societies, with a total membership of 2,818; there being, as in the older societies, nearly exactly twice as many females as males.

Contributions from the Juniors are reported at $908.00 or 32 cents per member.

Seven Intermediate Societies are reported with 172 members; contributions, $18.00.

Five other organizations are reported with 139 members and $51.00 contributions. C. C. MILLER, Chairman.

Mr. Andrew Stevenson, President of the Young Men's Presbyterian Union of Chicago and the Rev. Geo. Wm. Wright of Chicago addressed the Synod.

The Vice Moderator announced the following committee to review the rules for the conduct of Home Missions as reported, as follows:

Ministers—B. Y. George, H. A. Cullen and C. T. Edwards.

Elders—G. B. Hemeniway and J. M Welch.

The Synod adjourned till 8:30 tomorrow morning, and the session was closed with prayer and the apostolic benediction.

THURSDAY MORNING, 8:30 O'CLOCK.

The Synod convened at 8:30 A. M.

After a half hour spent in devotional service led by the Rev. W. H. Allison, the Vice Moderator opened the Synod with prayer.

It was made a rule that the treasurer be expected to pay only the actual traveling expenses involved in needed transportation to and from Synod.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The following Presbyterial Records were approved without exception: Bloomington, Peoria, Freeport, Springfield and Cairo.

The Records of Schuyler Presbytery were approved with the following exception noted:

"On page 74 the records of certain sessions are approved with exceptions, but the exceptions are not recorded. Synod is not in a position to decide whether or not they are well taken."

The Rev. D. G. Carson, chairman of the Committee on Publication and Sabbath School Work, presented its report, which was received, and after an address by the Rev. James A. Worden of Philadelphia, superintendent of Sabbath School and Mis-

sionary Work, its resolutions were considered seriatim and so adopted, after which the report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

Your Committee on Publication and Sabbath School Work beg to report as follows:

The Board reports a year of progress all along the line. The Business Department's transactions amounted to nearly half a million dollars, the net profits from which reached the sum of $36,261.76, or $12,380.56 in advance of last year. As usual one-third of the net profits was added to capital, and two-thirds, or $24,174.51, placed to the credit of the Sabbath School and Missionary Fund.

The Editorial Department has issued a number of select books and tracts, and has supplied for our use a complete line of lesson helps and papers whose supreme excellence should insure their exclusive use in all Presbyterian Sabbath-schools.

It is, however, in the Sabbath-school and Missionary Department of the Board that our chief interest centers. It is here that the whole machinery of the Board comes into vital contact with the needs of humanity. For it is the aim of this department to bring to their highest attainable efficiency our existing schools, to organize new ones wherever they are needed, to gather in the neglected and careless ones and to lead them to the Savior. The following table presents some of the results:

		GAIN
Number of Sabbath-schools	8,028	143
Number of officers and teachers	115,377	3,314
Number of scholars	952,195	9,819
Total membership	1,067,572	13,133
Average attendance	643,247	58,520
Number Home Departments	1,453	268
Membership Home Department	59,623	8,207
Grand total membership	1,127,195	21,340
Received into church	39,398	10,055
Schools contributed to Board	$60,360.84	$2,100.79

These figures indicate a healthy growth in the work at large. The results in our Synod will appear in part from the following table:

	1902	1901	GAIN	LOSS
Schools	487	490		3
Officers and teachers	8,090	7,537	553	
Scholars	68,325	68,358		33
Total membership	76,415	75,895	520	
Average attendance	47,045	41,444	5,601	
Home Departments	142	118	24	
Membership Home Departments	5,505	3,590	1,915	
Grand total membership	81,920	79,485	2,435	
Received into Church	3,615	2,137	1,478	

The Normal Department feature introduced last year by the Board has already been adopted by many schools. It aims to train a class of teachers for more efficient work by means of a carefully prepared course

of Bible study, together with lessons in the art of teaching. The importance and need of this new movement should commend it to favorable consideration of all our schools.

In its distinctively missionary work the Board employed last year 97 missionaries who labored in 31 states and territories and in the island of Cuba. They organized or reorganized 1,111 schools with an aggregate membership of 3,916 teachers and 35,944 scholars. Within the year 66 churches grew out of schools organized by our Sabbath-school missionaries, 54 of them being Presbyterian churches. As a result of evangelistic meetings and personal labors 1,535 conversions are reported. It is gratifying to know that the Board has been enabled to employ a larger force of missionaries for the current year. Let us hope and pray that the results may be at least proportionately larger.

Mr. G. V. Albertson continued his labors in Peoria Presbytery during the year. He was assisted during the summer by Mr. D. C. Davies, a student. Mr. Albertson has had under his care 22 schools with a membership of 961. As a result of his labors one Presbyterian church has been organized.

The great importance of gathering the children and youth into the Sabbath school, keeping them there, leading them to Christ and training them for usefulness in his service, must be apparent to all. That the Sabbath school is an important agency in promoting the work of the church may be inferred from the fact that of the 65,889 members added on examination, 39,398—considerably more than half—came from our Sabbath schools. Of course it cannot be claimed that all these were brought to trust and confess Christ through this one agency; but the fact remains that, aside from the regular stated preaching of the Word, the Sabbath school is the most important evangelizing means at our disposal. The Assembly's Committee on Evangelistic Work is beginning to recognize this fact, and to turn it to practical account. Its recommendation that Sabbath, November 9th, be observed in our schools as a Decision Day is one of its most practical and promising suggestions. Some of our most observing pastors are coming to see that the church of the Twentieth Century is likely to grow rather by the holding and saving of the young in the Sabbath school than by bringing in the older through evangelistic meetings. Both these means should be employed, but our chief reliance should be the first.

Our greatest need is power from on high. Trained workers and up-to-date methods are well enough, but they are useless without this power. And this power comes only in proportion to our humility and consecration. Love for Christ and for souls for whom He died must displace every other motive. We must lay aside formalism and conventionality and work for the salvation and edification of souls.

In view of the evident importance of the work under consideration your committee recommends for adoption the following resolutions:

1. That all our Sabbath schools be urged to observe Children's Day and Rally Day with appropriate exercises and liberal offerings to the Missionary Fund of the Board.

2. That our churches be urged to make an annual contribution to promote the work of Sabbath School Missions.

3. That the suggestion of the Assembly's Committee on Evangelistic Work regarding the observance of November 9th as Decision Day be approved, and that all our schools be encouraged then to urge upon their scholars the duty of accepting and confessing Christ as their personal Savior.

4. That all our churches be urged to consider anew their responsibility for the religious instruction of the young, and to devote themselves with renewed earnestness and zeal to the work.

5. That at the next meeting of Synod Wednesday evening be devoted to the work of this Board.

6. That the Rev. W. Francis Irwin be made chairman of this Committee for the next three years.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Committee,

D. G. Carson, Chairman.

A question having arisen as to the Synod's responsibility in the payment of the expenses of the chairmen of committees not delegates to Synod, the Rev. C. N. Wilder, the Rev. H. K. Sanborne and Elder Edwin S. Wells were appointed a committee to draft a rule concerning the case in hand.

The committee on Visitation to McCormick Seminary presented verbal report through the Rev. H. K. Sanborne and the Rev. W. B. Allison. The following were named as a committee on Visitation to the McCormick Seminary for the coming year: The Rev. J. W. Pugh, the Rev. Henry Callen and the Rev. Robt. L. Campbell.

The committee on visitation to Lake Forest University was appointed as follows: The Rev. C. E. Dunn, the Rev. D. T. Robertson, and Elder S. S. Scott, Ottawa.

The report of the committee on Ministerial Relief, prepared by the Rev. J. G. Klene, was presented by the Rev. W. C. Snyder and adopted as follows:

To the Synod of Illinois:

Your committee notes with gratification the fact that there was an increase, though small, in the contributions to the Board of Ministerial Relief the last year over the preceding year. We regret to state that Elder R. H. Griffith of Rushville, failed to receive notice of his appointment as a committee of one to correspond with the churches and endeavor

to awaken a greater interest in the gracious work of this Board. Consequently he did nothing, and the increase is not due to his efforts. While there is an increase, the contributions are still so small as to be cause for shame rather than for rejoicing among the churches of the Synod.

During the last year our annuitants received the sum of $13,500.00 from the Board of Relief, while our churches contributed the niggardly sum of $5,700.00, or less than one-half the amount received. This sum was contributed by 298 churches. There were 182 churches in the Synod that gave nothing for this work. Take these facts home with you. Ponder them and pray over them. Ask God to show you your duty and then help you to do it.

One of two things is certain. Either these persons are deserving of aid, or they are not. If they are deserving they should receive sufficient to afford them a measure of comfort. If not deserving of aid they should be stricken from the list of our benevolences and allowed to shift for themselves. What is your decision? Are they entitled to aid, or not?

We recommend that the pastors of the Synod be urged to faithfully present this cause to their respective congregations and endeavor to so increase our contributions as to produce a sum that we may contemplate without shame and feelings of self-reproach.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerseyville, Ill., Oct. 2, 1902. J. G. KLENE, Chairman.

Elder R. H. Griffith of Schuyler Presbytery was made a committee of one for the ensuing year to correspond with the churches and endeavor to awaken greater interest in the work of the Board of Ministerial Relief.

The report of the committee on the incorporation of Synod was presented by the Rev. D. T. Robertson for the Rev. D. S. Johnson and adopted as follows:

The following letter has been received from Col. Rice, a member of our committee:

Peoria, Ill., Sept. 29, 1902.

Rev. D. S. Johnson, National City, Cal.

My Dear Sir—Your letter of Sept. 23 at hand. About a year ago I referred the matter of incorporation to Mr. Clinton Conkling of Springfield, Ill., and asked him to look it up and be prepared to report. I sent him my opinion on the subject as far as I had gotten to an opinion and gave him references to authorities. As far as I am personally concerned I think the best thing is not to incorporate at all, and I would so report. If we determine that we ought to incorporate I think there should be additional legislation before we do it. Yours truly,

James M. Rice.

It is recommended that this matter be dropped for the present.

D. S. JOHNSON, Chairman of Committee.

The Rev. Arthur F. Hertell, chairman of the Committee on Freedmen, presented its report, which was received and approved and is as follows:

We have noted with pleasure the continued upward tending growth of the work done by our Church among the Freedmen of the South. While this growth has not been of a startling nature, nor warrants a too optimistic anticipation of the future, it has been sufficient, however, to lend earnest encouragement to the prosecution of a work which looks to the betterment of the conditions of a part of our national family.

The report of the Board of Missions among Freedmen to the General Assembly indicated a general improvement during the last year in all directions. The Board secured for the maintenance of its activities the sum of $185,804.65, over $22,000 in excess of the receipts of the preceding year. It is true that one-half of this amount came from legacies. But even this is an evidence that the work of this Board has found a strong place in the hearts of the members of our churches. Its educational work was also marked by steady progress. The satisfactory result is witnessed in more schools and more pupils. Likewise, a corresponding increase was noticed in the extension of the spiritual interests of this work, in the founding of churches and missions, in the enlistment of greater interest among the negro people themselves in their own welfare and success; in the encouragement of self-help as shown in the largely increased financial support given to the preaching of the gospel in their own midst; in the presence of self-denial among this people, and in other noticeable features looking to the elevation of that race in thrift, industry, dignity, morality and self-respect.

All this fills our hearts with joy and gladness. The larger gifts that have been made to this Board mean a deeper and more constant appreciation of the needfulness of the work done by it. Our church is evidently beginning to feel the burden and the responsibility of the task laid upon it. Compared with the interest manifested by the gifts of other churches to the work of evangelizing the negro of the South and making him a useful Christian citizen, it must be said that our offerings and our concern in the welfare of our black brother have been lamentably small. We have in past years not come up to the requirements and the great promise of this work. But it is pleasing to find that, after 37 years of successful labor and effort, our hearts are opening to the needs of the people of the Southland, and that we are willing to do more than we have done for the improvement of the conditions of the Freedmen.

We want to understand more fully that this work among the Freedmen is a distinctive work, a work that is not and can not well be done through any other Board of our Church. It is a separate work, the proper recognition of which will lead our Churches into a more earnest doing of their duty toward the negro population of the South. God has placed this work upon us. He expects us, so long as there is need, to

discharge our responsibility toward our black brethren by establishing in their midst churches, schools, educational institutions, industrial plants, and by providing for them an educated ministry and a supply of efficient teachers who shall train and lift up this people from their lowly and despairful condition into power and influence, at least among their own.

In view of present financial limitations, which threaten seriously the work of this Board, we cannot but urge anew upon the churches of our Synod the duties with which they are charged. We must look for greater gifts, for more liberal endorsement of this great and needy field of our activities. We must solicit anew their interest in the moral and spiritual redemption of the black race in our land, and we do this in the hope that all God's children will come up mightily to the rescue of the work of the Lord. We endorse heartily the resolution passed at the last General Assembly, held in New York, and ask that pastors and sessions will see to it that the offerings from their churches will, if possible, be increased at least 50 per cent. during the coming year.

At this time we would also call attention to the great disparity existing between the total receipts as given by the Board and those found in the Assembly Minutes, amounting in all to over $40,000. This discrepancy is no doubt due in some measure to the fact that legacies are not commonly reported in the statistics furnished by the churches When we consider, however, that not a few gifts of the churches have not gone through the hands of the Board at all, it will be seen that the legacies will scarcely cover one-half of this difference. We hope that some plan may be devised by which these amounts can be correctly reported and these at present conflicting reports can be harmonized.

ARTHUR F. HERTELL, Chairman.

The Narrative of the State of Religion of the Synod of Illinois was presented through its chairman, the Rev. J. H. Hatfield and approved as follows:

I. GENERAL STATEMENT.

The general condition of the churches of the Synod is improved over last year. The attendance upon worship is better, except in the evening, varying from one-third of membership to one-half more than membership. The prayer meeting is still only attended by the Gideonites, about one-fifth of the membership. There is no marked change in the Sabbath School except a gain, which is gratifying. The means at hand are not used largely, as teachers' meetings, libraries, instruction in catechism, rallies and decision days. In some churches rallies and decision days are used with great success. Presbyteries average about two men's societies each and these in a few churches are for distinctly religious purposes. Women's societies and young people's societies average two each in all the churches and are uniformly zealous in good work. General advancement is noticed in almost all agencies.

II. STATISTICS.

1. Membership. In the Synod of the eleven Presbyteries there are 506 ministers, a gain of 9 over last year; 35 candidates, loss of 10; 472 churches, loss of 8; church members, 72,314, gain of 2,857. Sabbath school membership, 77,246, gain of 1,445. Baptism of adults, 2,167, gain of 930; infants, 1,639, gain of 204. Additions on examination, 5,473, gain of 1,766. Every Presbytery has gained in church membership over last year as follows: Alton, 62; Bloomington, 197; Cairo, 73; Chicago, 922; Freeport, 115; Mattoon, 280; Ottawa, 73; Peoria, 228; Rock River, 163; Schuyler, 290; Springfield, 454.

2. Benevolences. Home Missions, $76,007, gain of $2,856. Foreign Missions, $60,725, loss of $3,248. Education, $5,967, gain of $360. Sabbath School Work, $19,468, gain of $12,916. Church erection, $16,559, gain of $11,066. Relief fund, $6,436, gain of $768. Freedmen, $8,168, loss of $66. Aid for colleges, $25,609, gain of $11,842. Congregational expenses, $944,254, gain of $304,071. Miscellaneous, $86,417, loss of $20,415. Total expenditures for current expenses and missions, $1,254,072, gain of $34,861. Total for missions alone, $217,090, gain of $34,285.

Can we not read in these gains, in nearly every column, that there has been more dependences upon God, more heart searching, more prayer, more earnest preaching, more devoted service, and a more hearty response to the urgent needs of the Lord's work? Let us thank God and take courage.

III. DISCOURAGEMENTS.

Transient character of pew and pulpit, general restlessness that pervades the age, bad roads in winter, mercenary spirit ("scuffle for money" one report states it), indifference of laboring classes, desecration of the Sabbath, open saloons, unconverted pocket books, lodges. Indeed the discouragements seem to be the trinity of evils, "the world," "the flesh," and one report said, "the same old devil." Nearly all reports mention lack of family religion. We are glad to report substantial grounds for hope in the

IV. ENCOURAGMENTS.

One report says "it is the Lord's work and must advance." The fidelity and efficiency of church officers, the self-sacrifice of many, the universal observance of the "Week of Prayer," the general activity in personal work, the great amount of indebtedness removed, the new spiritual tone, the spirit of revival under the encouragement and help of the Assembly's' evangelistic committee, the tent meetings in summer, and the disposition of more ministers to "stay by the stuff" in the hot seasons, and finally the large plans and prophesies for the future.

V. SUGGESTIONS AND SUBJECTS FOR PRAYER.

1. Personal Work. "Individual Work for Individuals." The world cannot be saved in the "mass"—John 1:42—"He brought him to

Jesus." The necessity arises out of the very nature of humanity. Personal appeal causes men to think and act. It was our Lord's plan and is now. He came to save individuals. He conversed with them and taught them. Let us have the "still hour" with Jesus and he will send us on the "still hunt" for souls. Could we not make it a rule to speak to one each day about his soul's salvation?

2. Family Religion. "He hath set the solitary in families." The family is the unit of civilization, the basis of the church. The home must be a sanctuary, a place of prayer. One report mentions that children from the cradle are almost "farmed out" until there is hardly any home for them. One report suggested more cottage prayer meetings. Ecclesiastical history began with the family and our life in heaven will be a great family gathering.

3. The Sabbath School. Here is a most prolific field for evangelistic work. What if all teaching converged towards conversion! What if all workers asked, Let us pray for more parental affection, filial devotion and godliness in our homes. "How may I compass the salvation of precious souls?" Many have found decision day a great stimulus, not alone for the day but for all year, making the day one of inventory of the faithful effort of soul winning. Some have organized training classes for the young to fit them for church membership, and after becoming members, for the church work.

4. Evangelism. One report says that eighty per cent. of the morning audience is composed of church members and eighty per cent. of the evening audience of non-church members. What a work could be done if this service could be essentially evangelistic, with this morning eighty per cent. earnestly desiring the conversion of the evening eighty per cent. Possibly this service could be made interesting by a course in Bible training for use in personal work. In the various reports we observe the note of triumph; we feel the breath of new life. The church seems ready to assert its power; to set the pace for the world's thought and action, to use its splendid organization for effective work. Very few report a standstill. From the reports we learn that there has been more preaching Christ than ever and that God has signally attested the power of His Word. Let us wait upon the Lord that our strength may be renewed. Let us pray for the power of the Holy Spirit. Let us get the passion of Calvary. Let us know the Bible. May we pray to be loyal to the Master, His Church, His Word, our own spiritual good, the work that He has given us, and we need not mourn over fruitless fields, but with rejoicing appear before God bearing our sheaves with us, representing the largest ingathering in the history of our Church.

The time of the morning session was extended twenty minutes. The Committee to review the code of rules for the conduct of the Synodical Home Mission's Committee presented its report through the Rev. B. Y. George recommending its

adoption and that the code of rules for the Presbyterial Committees on Home Missions be approved by Synod and sent to the Presbyteries for their action, with the Synod's recommendation that they adopt the same. The report was adopted seriatim and then as a whole as follows:

GENERAL RULES FOR HOME MISSION WORK.

ADOPTED BY THE SYNOD OF ILLINOIS AT HYDE PARK, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, OCTOBER 23, 1902.

PREAMBLE.

Section 1 The Synod of Illinois assumes all financial responsibility for, and all direction of the Home Mission work within its bounds.

Section 2. This responsibility and direction shall be exercised through Synodicial and Presbyterial Committees, reporting to the Synods and to the Presbyteries respectively.

Section 3. The Synod and the Presbyteries retain power of review and control and appeal over their respective committees.

CHAPTER I. SYNODICAL WORK.

ARTICLE I. The Synodical Committee.

Section 1. The Synodical Committee shall consist of the chairmen of the various Presbyterial Committees, and the Superintendent of Missions of Chicago Presbytery, together with a Synodical chairman, nominated by the committee and elected by Synod. In case of the inability of any chairman to be present at any meeting, he may appoint some other member of his Presbyterial committee to be present and to act for him.

Section 2. The Synodical Committee sha l hold two regular meetings each year; one of which shall be immediately before the meeting of Synod in the fall and the other shall be in the spring.

Section 3. The Synodical Committee shall supervise the work of the Presbyterial Home Mission Committees. It shall adopt such rules and regulations, consistent with these General Rules, as may be deemed necessary, from time to time.

Section 4 The Synodical Committee shall elect a Secretary and a Treasurer. It shall also have power to appoint such Synodical Missionaries as shall be needed from time to time: and it shall adopt such rules and regulations as may be deemed necessary for their work.

Section 5 The Synodical Committee shall make grants to aided Presbyteries, as far as possible, at the spring meeting.

Section 6. All funds sent to the Synodical Treasury, above what is needed for missionary and evangelistic work in the state, and for the necessary administration expenses of the Committee, shall be forwarded to the treasurer of the Home Missions Board at New York.

Section 7. The annual report to the Board of Home Missions shall be from April 1 to March 31. The annual report to Synod shall be from October 1 to September 30.

Section 8. A majority shall constitute a quorum, at any regular, or adjourned meeting, or at any special meeting, for which at least five days notice has been given.

ARTICLE II. The Chairman of the Synodical Committee.

Section 1. The Synodical Committee shall nominate, and the Synod elect a Chairman of the Synodical Committee of Home Missions, who shall serve for a term of three years from election, or till his successor has qualified.

Section 2. The Chairman shall make a full report at each annual meeting of Synod.

Section 3. The Chairman shall furnish the Board of Home Missions a detailed statement of Synod's Home Mission work, including the contributions and expenditures, for publication in the annual report of the Board.

Section 4. The Chairman of the Synodical Committee shall also be chairman of the Executive Committee. He shall have authority to call regular or special meetings of the Synodical and of the Executive Committee, subject to special adjournment of these Committees. He shall always call a meeting of the Executive Committee on the written request of two members of that Committee, or of any three members of the Synodical Committee.

Section 5. The Chairman shall have supervision of the work of Synodical Missionaries and Presbyterial Committees, except as otherwise ordered by the Synodical or Executive Committees.

Section 6. In case of the disability or death of the Chairman of the Synodical Committee, the Executive Committee shall appoint, ad interim, an acting chairman who shall serve till a Chairman is regularly elected at the next annual meeting of Synod.

ARTICLE III. The Secretary of the Synodical Committee.

Section 1. The Secretary of the Synodical Committee, who shall also serve as secretary of the Executive Committee, shall be elected by the Synodical Committee for a term of three years, from the date of his election. A vacancy may be filled, ad interim, by the election by the Executive Committee of an acting Secretary, who shall serve till the next regular meeting of the Synodical Committee. The Secretary need not be a chairman of one of the Presbyterial Committees; but he shall nevertheless be a member of the Committee, ex officio.

Section 2. The Secretary, besides keeping the records and papers of the Committee, shall aid the Chairman as he shall be requested, in

sending notices, and in distributing literature, and in preparing reports.

Section 3. In the prolonged absence or disability or death of the Chairman, the Secretary shall act in his place until he can call an Executive Committee meeting.

ARTICLE IV. The Treasurer of the Synodical Committee.

Section 1. The Synodical Committee shall elect a Treasurer of the Synodical Committee, who may or may not be a chairman of one of the Presbyterial committees. He shall serve for a term of three years from election. A vacancy may be filled, ad interim, by the election by the Executive Committee, of an Acting Treasurer, who shall serve till the next regular meeting of the Synodical Committee.

Section 2. The Treasurer shall receive and keep a careful account of all funds coming to the treasury. He shall give and receive vouchers. He shall pay out money as directed by the Synodical or Executive Committee. He shall present a written report and vouchers at each regular meeting of the Synodical Committee and whenever required by the Chairman.

Section 3. The Treasurer shall make a full report to Synod, at each annual meeting.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall give bond, as directed from time to time, by the Committee. When this bond is placed in a surety company, the expense shall be paid by the Committee.

ARTICLE V. The Executive Committee.

Section 1. The Chairman, Secretary and one or more other members, elected by the Synodical Committee, shall constitute the Executive Committee; the term of service being three years.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall prepare work for the meeting of the Synodical Committee. It shall act for it, ad interim. It shall counsel and aid the Chairman, and assist him in the supervision of the various lines of work. It shall elect acting officers, in case of vacancies; and it shall undertake such work as may be assigned to it by the Synodical Committee.

Section 3. These rules may be suspended, ad interim, by the Executive Committee, with the approval of the Moderator, or in case of his disability the Stated Clerk of Synod.

CHAPTER II. PRESBYTERIAL WORK.

ARTICLE I. Presbyterial Committees.

Section 1. The Presbyterial Committee on Home Missions shall consist of such ministers and elders as shall be appointed by the Presbytery, to serve for such term as may be determined upon, or until their successors are appointed.

Section 2. The officers shall consist of a chairman, a secretary and a treasurer.

Section 3. The chairman shall be *ex officio* a member of the Synodical Committee, but in the event of his inability to attend the meetings of said committee he may delegate a member of the Presbyterial Committee to act in his place.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the Chairman to preside at all meetings of the committee; to call special meetings when in his judgment it may be necessary, or upon written request of three members of the committee; to have supervision of all the Home Mission work of the Presbytery; to sign contracts of settlement of ministers in Home Mission churches; to receive quarterly reports of Missionaries; and to draw warrants on the treasurer for the payment of appropriations when the conditions have been complied with. He shall keep a record of the work in such form as may be preserved permanently and hand to his successor.

Section 5. It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep a faithful record of the committee, and preserve the same in a suitable book; to assist the chairman in the correspondence of the committee; and in the absence or inability of the chairman, to act as chairman.

Section 6. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive contributions for Home Missions: to keep careful account of all funds received; to pay out money on the written order of the chairman, or of the secretary acting for the chairman as already provided for. He shall make such reports of the condition of the treasury as the Presbytery or its committee on Home Missions may require; and on the first day of April annually he shall make a complete statement of the business of the past year, giving the amounts contributed by the several churches, organizations and individuals, and sending duplicate copies of the same to the Synodical chairman and treasurer, and such other financial reports as shall be needed by the officers of the Synodical Committee.

Section 7. The treasurer shall be required to give bond in such sum as the Presbyterial committee may deem necessary. When the bond is placed in a security company the expense shall be defrayed by the committee. The treasurer shall keep a separate bank account of the Home Mission funds.

Article II—Home Mission Churches.

Section 1. All churches in the several Presbyteries not able to support themselves without assistance are under the care of the Presbyterial Committees on Home Missions, and are to report to them. They may be aided by counsel, by appropriations or by grouping.

Section 2. When a group of churches has been arranged, no church can withdraw from it without the approval of the Home Mission Committee.

Section 3. Before applying for aid, the church shall secure from

the chairman of the Presbyterial Committee the assurance that the committee approves the minister whose service they desire to secure.

Section 4. Application for aid shall be made upon blanks furnished by the committee. It shall be accompanied with a copy of the subscription paper for the support of the Pastor, and a statement of the officers of the church that a thorough canvass has been made. Churches are expected to reach a minimum of $5 00 per member for the support of the church, except in extraordinary cases. When a contract is renewed, a new subscription list shall be submitted to the committee.

Section 5. Churches receiving aid shall make arrangement for the regular and prompt payment of their minister's salary in monthly or quarterly installments, and the grant of the committee shall not be due and payable, nor shall an order be drawn therefor by the chairman or secretary, until notification by the minister in charge, and by the Session, has been received, stating that the church has paid its proportion of the salary for the quarter.

Section 6. Churches receiving aid shall make two offerings each year to Home Missions, and they are expected not to fall behind a minimum of 30 cents per member annually. The same rule is recommended to all the churches in the Presbytery.

Article III—Contracts of Settlements.

Section 1. Each church receiving aid shall enter into contract with the committee and with the minister in charge, according to the form furnished by the Synodical Committee.

Section 2. This contract shall be signed by the minister in charge; on behalf of the church by its elders and trustees; and on behalf of the committee by the chairman of the Presbyterial Committee.

Article IV—Reports and Payments.

Section 1. At the close of each quarter there shall be sent from each aided church to the Chairman of the Presbyterial Committee, on blanks furnished by the Synodical Committee, a report of the work of the quarter and of the conditions of the field.

Section 2. Upon receipt of the regular quarterly report, with the statement of the minister and session that each church in the field has met in full its financial obligations to him for the quarter, the chairman of the committee is authorized to draw an order on the treasurer for the payment of the money due.

Article V—Amendments.

Section 1. The Presbytery of Chicago shall have permission to make such modifications in these rules, in harmony with the general scheme, as are necessary for the prosecution of the work in a large city.

Section 2. These rules may be suspended, ad interim, by the Home

Mission Committee of any Presbytery with the approval of the Moderator or in case of his disability the Stated Clerk of Presbytery.

Section 3. All churches, whether aided or self-supporting, are recommended to apply to the Home Mission Committees of their respective respective Presbyteries, when in need of counsel and advice.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. C. B. McAfee and recess was taken until 1:30 o'clock.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Synod convened at 1:30 p. m. Prayer was offered by Rev. S. L. Allison.

The report of the committee on the Minutes of the Genenal Assembly as read by the Rev. Geo. P. Williams was received and approved as follows:

Your Committee have carefully examined the minutes of the General Assembly and beg leave to report as follows:

1st. The Minutes of the Synod of Illinois were approved without exception.

2d. No overture was sent up to this Assembly by the Synod, but a very timely one was sent by one of our Presbyteries—Cairo—relating to the St. Louis Fair and the observance of the Lord's Day. The Assembly answered the overture with commendable force and clearness, and "entered its solemn protest against the doing of work on the Lord's Day upon the grounds and buildings of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis, Mo."

3d. We note an appeal was taken from the judgment of Synod in the case of the complaint of the Rev. Edward T. Fleming, of the action of the Presbytery of Chicago, taken Oct. 28, 1901. The papers being found in order, the case was referred to a judical commission for trial and judgment under the Assembly's designation of "Judical Case No. 2."

The findings of the commission entered upon the minutes of the Assembly are as follows;

(1) In the case of the appeal of the Rev. Edward T. Fleming from the judgment of the Synod of Illinois, the appeal is not sustained, and the judgment of the inferior judicatory is affirmed.

(2) In the case of the appeal of the Rev. Edward T. Fleming from the judgment of the Presbytery of Chicago, the appeal is not sustained and the judgment of the inferior judicatory is affirmed.

(3) In the case of the complaint of the Rev. Edward T. Fleming against the proceedings of the Presbytery of Chicago, the complaint is is not entertained since "a complaint is a written representation made to

the next superior judicatory (B. D., 83) which in this case is the Synod of Illinois."

Careful examination fails to reveal other items in which the Synod has special interest. Respectfully submitted,

G. P. WILLIAMS.

The Committee on Sabbath Observance presented its report through the Rev. Robt. B. Irwin, Chairman, which was received and the resolutions adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Sabbath Observance would most respectfully present the following report:

We believe that that we live in the most telling age in the history of the Church. That there are questions before the Church for solution of more vital importance than we are sometimes willing to face, or that we are, in our present state of consecration, able to solve.

Not the least of these problems upon the heart of the Church is that of the proper observance of the Sabbath day, with the added responsibility of bringing such influences to bear upon society and upon individual life that we may have preserved to us the blessings of a Christian Sabbath.

In the words of the General Assembly's Committee on Sabbath Observance, "The true nature, purpose, value and obligation of the Christian Sabbath is but little understood or felt by the masses of our American people. There should be a quicker pulse in the Church for its appreciation and defense. There should be a clearer conception of its origin and authority. There should be an awakening to the necessity for a larger measure of sound education of our children and people as an antidote to the flood of false teaching and example that finds expressions in these days."

There are forces at work in society, such as Sunday excursions, Sunday base ball, and Sunday amusements of various kinds, together with the indifference on the part of many Christian people to the Bible idea of the Sabbath, which threaten to wrest this precious day from the Church and leave it with even less power than it now has to save men from the destruction of sin.

Because of the prevalence of the desecration of the Sabbath day and the danger thereby to the welfare of the spiritual life of the Church, and the imminent danger to society;

Resolved, 1st, That we as a Synod re-affirm our decided conviction that the law of the Sabbath as it was given by God is still binding. That we are still required to keep the Sabbath day holy if we would receive the blessings which come to those who obey the laws of God.

Resolved, 2d, That we earnestly recommend that all our ministers, officers and members shall both by precept and example, exercise diligence in their lives to impress upon others the sacredness of the Sabbath.

Resolved, 3d. That we seek the special guidance of the Holy Spirit so that we may know just how to keep the Sabbath day holy, and then for grace, that as servants of Jesus Christ our own lives may be spotless before the world, especially as touching the important question of the proper observance of the Sabbath day.

Respectfully,

ROBT. B. IRWIN, Chairman.

A resolution sent up from Cairo Presbytery was referred to the Committee on Sabbath Observance.

The report of the Committee on Church Erection as presented by the Rev. Fred J. Tower was accepted and the following resolutions adopted:

Mr. Moderator and Brethren of Synod:

Your committee is pleased to report a year of unexampled prosperity and activity on the part of the Board of Church Erection. The number of applications for aid was greater than ever before in the Board's history, but, most happily, the year was begun with a balance in the treasury, and the gifts from all sources were somewhat in advance of previous years, and the Board was therefore able to meet all the urgent calls made upon it. There is great satisfaction in thus knowing that the fresh impetus which has been felt in church building has not been throttled at its outset and that 259 churches were made glad in receiving aid to the ex tent of $205,269 during the year.

In accomplishing this fine result, however, the Board emptied its treasury and entered this new year, with its promise of even greater demands, with no balance on hand to fall back upon. It is therefore plain to be seen that, if the awakened movement in church building is not to be stifled in its infancy, we of the ministry and laity must assume a responsibility in the matter and urge a more liberal response in gifts to this work.

This warning appeal is no mere "matter of course," nor is it simple conformity to stereotyped custom. There is reason for the emphasis of this appeal in this Synod. The Synod of Illinois has been the largest beneficiary of this Board of any of the Synods except Iowa. During the period from 1845 to 1902, this Board appropriated $281,221 in Illinois among 455 churches. There are now only 480 churches in the Synod and it thus appears that, practically, a church has been helped for every one that exists today. There were eight grants made to this Synod last year aggregating $7,100, which includes $2,000 given to the church at Aguadilla, Porto Rico. But even deducting that $2,000, because the church of Aguadilla is not within our geographical bounds, we still fall below the record of the previous year. *The grants of the Board have crept up* from $3,850 in 1900 to $7,100 in 1902, while *our gifts to the Board have crept down* from $3,320 in 1900 to $2,927 in 1902. So, while our enjoyment of the

Board's funds has almost doubled in these three years, our gifts in return have decreased nearly $400. We might feel more complacency in the situation if all our churches had made honest efforts to do their share. But this is not the case. Only 263 of our 480 churches contributed last year—only a few more than half. Now, with 455 churches of Synod having received aid from this Board, it does seem that business courtesy, as well as Christian gratitude, should prompt to the hearty support of the Board, to say nothing of the missionary spirit which should move us to help others to a proper equipment for the worship and service of God.

One year ago this Committee reported in favor of this Synod raising $2,000 to complete the church building for Rev. J. L. Underwood at Aguadilla, Porto Rico. Before the vote was taken on that resolution we urged that no minister vote for it unless he intended taking an offering. The vote on the question was then vociferous and without opposition. However, when the matter was presented in the several Presbyteries for action the brethren forgot themselves and have failed to support the cause. Schuyler Presbytery has nearly completed raising the $500 which it proposed to give. But the Synod at large has given only $42 50. A few other churches have signified their intention to take an offering in the near future and this amount will be slightly increased. But the disparity between $1,500 and $42.50 is so great that your committee is anxiously casting about for a place, and for the means, to bridge the chasm.

The matter has not yet had a fair test. In half of the Presbyteries last spring the matter failed to be presented, through the absence or sickness of the chairman. In five of the Presbyteries there has been a change of chairman, necessitating delay in active operations. Besides this, Chicago Presbytery has been practically cut off from co-operation in this work by the fact that they have been asked by the Board to participate largely in the erection of a Church for Rev. Dr. M. E. Caldwell at Mayaguez, Porto Rico. Thus handicapped, we have failed so far to accomplish the work which Synod authorized and instructed us last year to undertake. The building of the Church has, however, not ceased, but has gone on to completion and dedication. The word of the Synod of Illinois was considered as good as its bond and the Board moved forward with the construction. Brethren, what will you do in the premises? Do you ask the already overburdened Home Mission Board to solicit, in other fields, the funds which Illinois essayed to raise? Or will you rally to this cause and save it yet at this late day?

No work that is worth the doing is done without effort, and no monument worth enduring is erected without cost. Even though it should cost us an exacting struggle and some self-denial, can we not afford the effort in order that a benighted people shall have the light of life? It has been repeatedly said by observers that Mr. Underwood's work is the pride of the Island of Porto Rico. In a little more than two years' time he has gathered a church of 186 members, maintained a large school em-

ploying two teachers, opened six out-stations, in one of which a new church will shortly be erected, developed effective helpers from among the native Christians, and now is erecting a church costing $8,000, toward which the natives, out of their great poverty, have contributed $1,000. This brief resume only hints the scope and success of the work being done. The Presbyterian church is not much more than playing with th work in Porto Rico. Let it not be said that Illinois, from her great abundance, refused help to a work like this in the prosperous year of our Lord 1902. Why cannot pastors of Illinois circulate subscription papers among their more able church members? Why cannot some of the treasuries now carrying a surplus be tapped? Why cannot our Endeavor Societies, or some like organization, be set at work raising a little fund for this object? Brethren, it is apathy that is now defeating the work of the Lord. It requires but a slight effort on the part of our churches to insure the payment of this money which our Synod has undertaken to raise.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED J. TOWER, Chairman.

Resolution 1. The Synod of Illinois regrets that the appeal for money for the Church building in Aguadilla, Porto Rico, has met so meager response throughout its bounds, and instructs its committee on church erection to continue the canvass with a view to raising the full amount of $2,000.00; and it asks of each pastor and session in the Synod a prompt and hearty response to the appeal of the Committee.

Resolution 2. The present chairman is appointed to serve for another year.

The Committee on Sabbath Observance to whom was referred the resolution of Cairo Presbytery proposed the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved. That we as a Synod do hereby, now and always protest against the open and shameless violation of the law of God as contained in the Fourth Commandment, and the invasion of the sacredness of God's holy day by the officers and contractors of the World's Fair at St. Louis, by doing all kinds of work on the grounds, bridges, buildings, etc., on Sabbath. And

Resolved. That we do hereby memorialize the General Assembly to take such action as may seem wise to have such work discontinued.

The Stated Clerk was instructed to forward copies of this action to the Board of Directors of the World's Fair Association and to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly.

The Rev. Richard D. Harlan was heard in behalf of Lake Forest University of which he is the President.

The election of H. R. McCulloh and B. M. Linnel, M. D., as trustees of Lake Forest University was confirmed.

The committee to draft a rule concerning the payment of the expenses of chairmen of committees, not delegates to the Synod, gave the following report which was adopted as the rule of Synod:

That the mileage expenses of the Chairmen of all special and permanent Committees be paid."

The Rev. J. W. Dinsmore of the Synod of California, the Rev. A. L. Benton of the Synod of Pennsylvania and the Rev. F. D. Sheets of the Rock River M. E. Conference, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The Records of the Chicago Presbytery were approved without exception.

The Moderator was given the privilege of adding one member to the committee on Educational Institutions and to fill all vacancies. Thereupon he announced the following as the committee: Ministers, E. L. Lord, C. B. McAfee, C. M. Brown, A. M. Little. Elders, S. S. Scott and F. M. Hamilton.

The Committee to visit Blackburn University was named as follows: The Rev. W. H. Foulkes, the Rev. E. M. Clingan and the Rev. S. C. Black.

The Rev. Marion H. Humphreys presented the report of the Committee on Temperance which was received, whereupon W. H. Anderson, Superintendent of the Illinois Anti-Saloon League, made an address, after which the report, together with its ecommendations, was taken up seriatim and adopted as a whole as follows:

Mr. Moderator and Brethren of Synod:

Your committee would report on Temperance;

In view of the fact that there was a discouraged tone in a majority of the reports received by your committee from the Presbyteries in the bounds of our Synod, it is well that we "Thank God and take courage" again, because of the cheering results of the combined and continued temperance forces of the whole church of Christ and of the Nation.

Since the last meeting of Synod the Gillett-Lodge Bill, which had previously passed the United States Senate, finally under date of February 1, 1902, passed the House of Representatives by an almost unanimous vote, and since then it has become a law. The prayer and activity of the Presbyterian Church for the past years has had no small part in bringing this most significant measure to the front, and it should stimulate us to more earnest and persistent activity.

We rejoice also that at the Triennial International Sunday School Convention at Denver, Colorado, the expression of the International Lesson Committee was so decisive in their attitude toward the quarterly temperance lesson that there need be no more solicitude at present concerning this widespread method of diffusing temperance sentiment.

Again, it is with great gratitude to God that we note that many manufacturing establishments and railway companies are placing the high and proper estimate upon prohibition principles in connection with their employees. Not less than fifty-four railroads in all have prohibited their employees from visiting saloons, whether on or off duty, and the tendency is to reject every applicant who uses intoxicants.

In the light of such movements as these we should go forward with renewed energy against a business that traffics with the souls of men. Now is a time not so much for making resolutions as it is time to be up and doing. In convention assembled about a year ago the liquor power of the state of Illinois flaunted the boast "that while other state legislatures are constantly saddling the trade with the most villainous laws, we in Illinois have been fortunate enough to be quietly left alone for the past twenty years." But they are now awake to the fact that if they are to live they must assist in legislation. They are combining their forces to vigorously oppose all measures and laws that affect their business. There is a sentiment afloat among the liquor dealers that they must by some means have the Anti-Canteen Law repealed and abolished.

Your committee recommend that it be the sense of this Synod that the Anti-Canteen Law be in force and that no legislation be favored which would in any way weaken its force till its merits have been fully tested. This will require vigilance and activity.

It was only in last June that a district president of the Saloon Keepers' League made the following statement: "This Fall we elect a State Legislature and already the candidates are before me. I would urge every one of you to disregard your party ties in this particular and whenever you find one hostile to our cause, do not hesitate to let it be known, so that you and your friends may secure his political defeat."

We would do well to urge the Christian citizens represented by the Presbyterian Church of Illinois in the name of temperance to profit by their example in the ballot and in the import of their motto that "Eternal vigilance is the price of safety," and to this end the committee would urge measures that will create sentiment and mould public opinion in favor of the temperance cause.

1st. That pastors repeatedly present to their people the duty of Christian men to accept official position, even at personal sacrifice; and

2d. The duty of Christian voters to cast their ballot for only such men as can be relied upon to enforce temperance legislation. And with a view to a suitable and practical agency for such effective work, the committee submit the following in behalf of the Anti-Saloon League:

Resolved: That we endorse the present Anti-Saloon League movement of Illinois as a practical agency for the co-operation of the churches for opposition to the saloon, and the general plan of an annual Anti-Saloon Sunday in each church as a valuable means of arousing and organizing temperance sentiment.

We especially approve the efforts made, under its direction, to secure a local option law which will make a popular vote against the saloon mandatory and directly operative, and recommend the appointment in every church of a special local option committee of three voters to assist in obtaining this and other needed temperance legislation, the names and addresses of the committee to be sent by the pastor to William H. Anderson, Superintendent and General Attorney, Springfield.

We pledge our hearty support in the proposed letter campaign to inform our representatives in both houses of the legislature of our wishes upon this question, as the first step in a sustained movement to secure our rights, and urge the co-operation of all Christian people in making it widespread and effective.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

MARION HUMPHREYS, Chairman.

The chairman of the Temperance Committee was empowered to print sufficient copies of their resolution for the use of church sessions, at the expense of the Synod.

The records of Alton Presbytery were approved.

The committee on Systematic Beneficence, the Rev. S. W. Findley chairman, submitted the following report which was adopted:

Brethren and Fathers:—

Much of the substance of Christianity is comprehended in the one word—benevolence. The first overture of God to a lost world is described in the wonderful words, "For God so loved the world that he gave." And His desire in the way of repsonse is expressed in the plea, "My son, give give me thine heart."

God's attitude to the children of men is one of constant beneficence. Our relation to him must be reciprocal. God giving to man; man giving to God;—this is communion. And on the ground of this communion is the grace of God bestowed upon the children of men for justification, adoption and ultimate sanctification.

Man's part of the communion is not confined to the giving of spiritual things. God has planned to use carnal instrumentalities for the accomplishment of spiritual ends.

We are not only to "sing unto the Lord a new song," but we are also to "bring an offering and come into his courts." By no means least among the several parts of our worship is the giving to God of the gifts of our hands,

If your Committee could accomplish its mission as we understand it, every church within the bounds of our Synod would come to recognize the giving of money as a very important part of our *worship*. Too many are inclined to look upon it as merely secular.

The General Assembly's Committee on Systematic Beneficence, in its report to the Assembly in 1901, gave special attention to the definition of the phrase "Systematic Beneficence."

According to this definition the phrase applies to two subjects more or less distinct from each other, viz: (1) The principles which should govern an individual Church member in his giving of money to the work of the Lord, and (2) the plans which should be adopted by our Churches as Churches in their benevolent offerings.

Systematic giving is opposed to spasmodic and haphazard giving, and looks toward the organization of this part of our worship. Systematic giving on the part of the individual claims for itself at least these three advantages:

1. Better organization of this part of our finances.
2. Closer attention to and larger interest in the objects of our benevolence.
3. As a result of these two the total of our gifts is materially increased.

The Churches as Churches will reap the benefits that come to the individual from systematic giving. In addition to this, a carefully arranged system in the Church's benevolence, will in most cases result in a larger opportunity to the Church to give, and experience has proven that the larger the opportunity to give, in the average Church, the larger will be the total gift.

In short, we are very sure that the money question in all the work of the Church would be solved if it were possible to bring every Church member to proportionate and systematic giving and every Church to definitely systematize its benevolence. No specific rule will apply to every individual nor to every Church, but some general principles are worthy of our earnest consideration.

As to the Churches, our General Assembly has seen fit to organize the benevolent work of the Church under eight different heads. Years of experience has proven the practicality of the plan, and no individual Church will make a mistake by falling into line. What is practical for the Church at large is eminently practical for the individual Church, and the ideal set forth by the General Assembly's committee this year is "An offering every year for every Board from every Church and from every member of the Church."

Let us apply the same business principles to the finances of our religion that we do to the finances of our secular life.

As a preparation to systematic giving there must be some systematic thinking. Every Christian should give very serious consideration to the

several lines of benevolent work carried on by his Church, and should in some way keep posted as to the current demands of these several lines of work. And there should be adjustment and re-adjustment of the relation existing between these demands and his gifts benevolent.

Another relationship which needs adjustment in the realm of Christian givlng is that between our gifts and our prosperity. These things should stand in some proportion to each other. It is not ours to say what this proportion shall be. But can we study proportionate giving as set forth in the Book and give less than a tenth of our income to the Lord?

Your Committee would recommend that the pastors of our Synod consider very seriously the advantages that come from tithing, and that these advantages be urged upon the people, and that no lower standard than tithing be set up for our attainment in Christian giving. A reference to the statistical tables below will reveal the fact that the average gift to benevolence in the Synod for the past year is the lowest since 1898. Chicago Presbytery leads with an average of $6.16 per member to benevolence and $27.80 per member to all purposes. Schuyler Presbytery leads in per cent. of Churches contributing to all the Boards, reaching 69 per cent. this year. The lowest mark in this matter is 25 per cent. The average for the Synod was 51 per cent. This is 2 per cent. better than last year.

Shall we not for the coming year make the motto of the Assembly's Committee the watch cry of the Synod of Illinois—"An offering for every Board from every Church and from every member of the Church."

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL W. FINDLEY, Chairman.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BOARDS OF THE CHURCH.

PRESBYTERIES.	Membership.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Sabbath school Work.	Church Erection	Relief Fund.	Freedmen.	Aid for Colleges and Academies	Total Benevolent Contributions.	Average Benev. Contributions.	Total Contributions to all Purposes.	Av. Contrib. to all Purposes.	Per Cent. of Churches Contributing to all Boards.
Alton	4,850	$ 2,060	$ 1,414	$ 155	$ 328	$ 165	$ 203	$ 238	$ 371	$ 4,934	$ 1.01	$ 42,070.48	$ 8.67	53
Bloomington	7,822	5,564	7,089	518	630	576	566	815	299	16,057	2.02	112,055 40	14.19	46
Cairo	3,733	1,800	1,202	155	265	175	290	186	311	4,384	1.12	41,865.40	11.21	46
Chicago	22,718	46,384	31,755	3,093	14,841	15,969	3,194	3,586	21,130	139,952	6 16	631,697.05	27.80	57
Freeport	4,644	3,133	3,244	500	540	230	438	586	265	8,936	1.90	68,444.84	14 73	63
Mattoon	4,439	2,107	2,021	127	407	148	268	517	1,152	6,747	1.51	52,689.76	11.86	32
Ottawa	3,187	1,239	1,047	56	233	85	148	132	61	3,001	.94	39,933.90	12.53	25
Peoria	5,596	3,249	3,237	197	665	207	327	456	404	8,742	1.56	74,501.88	11.52	47
Rock River	4,643	3,747	2,935	205	645	223	286	583	563	9,187	1.97	60,967.47	13 13	58
Schuyler	5,146	2,930	2,907	645	330	586	386	599	193	8,576	1.66	53,156.19	10.33	69
Springfield	5,539	3,934	3,874	316	584	213	330	470	860	10,581	1.91	71,186.96	12.85	52
The Synod	72,317	$76,147	$60,725	$5,967	$19,468	$18,577	$6,436	$8,168	$25,609	$221,097	$ 3.05	$1,308,569.33	$18.23	51

COMPARING THE AMOUNTS CONTRIBUTED IN THE SYNOD TO THE EIGHT BOARDS OF THE CHURCH FOR A PERIOD OF EIGHT YEARS.

YEAR.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Sabbath School Work.	Church Erection.	Relief Fund	Freedmen.	Synodical Aid.	Aid for Colleges.	Totals.	Per Member.
1895	$ 62,757	$ 52,786	$108,658	$ 9,939	$ 7,745	$ 6,012	$ 8,641	$ 1,751	$ 25,717	$284,006	$ 4.46
1896	74,764	60,690	11,338	8,629	11,148	5,219	7,732	2,160	14,048	195,729	2.97
1897	70,980	52,051	9,156	7,766	9,300	4,993	6,421	502	23,506	184,675	2.79
1898	66,072	63,435	8,328	11,322	7,701	5,480	7,794	573	13,342	184,047	2.73
1899	69,734	52,585	57,576	8,717	14,079	5,638	7,783	282	30,776	247,170	3.65
1900	81,226	65,791	7,128	8,912	12,246	6,036	10,022	212	70,662	262,235	3.76
1901	73,151	63,973	5,607	6,552	5,493	5,758	8,234	-------	113,767	282,536	4.06
1902	76,147	60,725	5,967	19,468	18,577	6,436	8,168	140	25,609	221,097	3.05

The Stated Clerk reported as follows, and the recommendation was approved: The Statistics of the Presbyteries are in his hands, and he recommends that they be incorporated in the Appendix of the Minutes.

The Stated Clerk was instructed to have 500 copies of the Rules for the Conduct of Home Missions in the Synod and Presbyteries printed for distribution to the Stated Clerks of Presbyteries.

The report of the committee on Foreign Missions submitted by the Rev. W. S. Marquis, was received and the recommendations adopted as follows:

Mr. Moderator and Brethren:

A report on Foreign Missions is a test of spiritual conditions. James Russell Lowell once said, "You can never know a man's moral genuineness until you know what he will do for a principle." Foreign Missions test our Christian principles. They test the measure of Christ's love in our hearts; they test loyalty to the King's command, "Go ye;" they test how much meaning we are putting into the prayer, "Thy kingdom come;" they test how seriously we feel the responsibility laid upon us for carrying the Gospel to every creature; they test the consecration of our substance to the Lord. Hence a report of our work for Foreign Missions is a sure index to the spiritual condition of the churches. In the light of this fact, brethren, consider this report, and judge ye what its message is to the churches.

A table of statistics for the year ending April 30, 1902, is herewith presented:

PRESBYTERIES.	No. Churches	No Offering Reported	Communicants	AMOUNT CONTRIBUTED TO THE BOARD BY								Amount Reported in Assembly Minutes.		
				Churches	Sunday Schools	Y. P. Societies	Woman's Societies	Total	Gain	Loss	Average		Gain	Loss
Alton	49	4	4,850	$ 719	$ 151	$ 166	$ 446	$ 1,482	$ 17	$ ---	.30	$ 1,414	------	$ 204
Bloomington	54	5	7,822	2,839	156	1,494	2,632	7,121	1,367	----	.91	7,089	$ 190	------
Cairo	43	8	3,733	536	28	196	349	1,119	10	----	.30	1,202	89	------
Chicago	88	3	22,718	3,276	1,496	1,876	13,352	29,994	1,514	----	1.36	31,755	------	643
Freeport	30	2	4,644	1,207	181	567	1,203	3,158	108	----	.68	3,244	------	279
Mattoon	34	7	4,439	888	40	129	821	1,878	270	----	.42	2,021	288	------
Ottawa	24	4	3,187	349	100	141	621	1,211	------	235	.38	1,047	----	390
Peoria	38	7	5,596	750	215	244	1,943	3,152	310	----	.56	3,237	183	------
Rock River	36	---	4,643	906	106	533	975	2,520	------	309	.54	2,935	------	1,738
Schuyler	42	3	5,146	1,090	224	577	997	2,888	210	---	.56	2,907	------	752
Springfield	34	3	5,539	1,381	199	213	1,998	3,791	805	----	.68	3,874	8	------
Total 1902	472	46	72,317	23,925	$2,906	$6,136	$ 25,337	$ 58,314	$4,611	$ 544	.80	$ 60,725	$ 758	$ 4,006
Total 1901	480	63	69,460	21,019	$3,017	$7,682	$ 22,529	$ 54,247	------	---	.78	63,973	------	-
Gain	---	---	2,857	$2,916	------	---	$ 2,808	$ 4,067	------	----	---	------	------	------
Loss	8	19	------	------	$ 111	$1,546	------	------	------		---	$ 3,248	------	----

It compares favorably in most respects with the figures for 1901. Out of 472 churches all but 46 contributed to this cause. The Minutes show 79 blank spaces in the Foreign Mission column: but when the Minutes are compared with the Board's report we find that 33 of these 79 churches made offerings amounting in all to $677. Thus there are left but 46 non contributing churches. The most of them are small; and all of them together contain but 1,609 communicants. The Presbytery of Rock River has the proud distinction of having sent an offering from every church. The total amount of Synod's offerings sent direct to the Board was $58,314, a gain of $4,067 over 1901. The amount reported to the Assembly, including some offerings not sent through the Board, was $60,725, a loss as compared with last year of $3,248. The largest amount sent to the Board from any one source in this Synod came from the Women's societies—$25,337. This was a handsome advance of $2,808. The churches sent $23,935, an advance of $2,916. The Sabbath Schools contributed only $2,906, less by $111 than last year. This was less than four cents each from our 76,090 Sabbath School scholars. Either the Sabbath School offerings are being gathered up and reported by some other branch of the church, or else the children are not being taught to give to this cause. The loss of money to the Board is serious; but the failure to educate and interest the children is the grievous loss. There is no point at which pastors, sessions, and women's missionary societies can do more for missions than to instruct and organize the Sabbath Schools along missionary lines. It means future missionaries and mission givers.

The Young People's societies gave $6,136, a decline of $1,546. Nine Presbyteries increased their offerings to the Board: Bloomington 27 per cent.; Springfield 26.9 per cent.; Mattoon 16.7 per cent.; Peoria 9 per cent.; Schuyler 8 per cent.; Chicago 5.5 per cent.; Freeport 3.5 per cent ; Alton 1.16 per cent ; and Cairo about one per cent.

The Presbyterial committees have been doing some good work to bring about these results. The Committee in Chicago Presbytery conducted a campaign last November and December which was in many ways unique. It embodied two features; addresses and conferences. The addresses were given on Sundays and Wednesdays before churches, Sabbath Schools, C. E. societies and prayer meetings. The conferences were held on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays, afternoon and evening. Many of the most successful were held in private houses. They were exceedingly helpful to the workers gathered. Secretary Halsey, Treasurer C. W. Hand, Dr. Underwood of Korea, Rev. B. C. Haworth of Japan, Rev. C. A. Janvier of India and Mrs. Wells of the Board of the Northwest were the speakers. Out of 74 churches 69 were thus visited. The committee report great audiences and much satisfaction with the plan of campaign, and they recommend it to other Presbyteries. This Presbytery is also conducting a three years' campaign under the Student Volunteer movement. One-third of the churches were visited by a student in 1901,

another third during the past summer, and the remaining third will be visited next summer. The Foreign Mission committee in Chicago Presbytery holds monthly meetings. It has arranged the churches in groups, to be looked after by different members of the committee. Looking forward to the future it has already engaged Robert Speer to speak on missions before the Presbyterian Social Union, and Dr. Thomas Marshall to give them a month's service. All this is characteristic of Chicago "push." We hope it will be catching in this and other Synods.

The Committee in Cairo Presbytery reports that it has labored along two lines—to introduce the Assembly Herald and to promote the observance of the Monthly Missionary concerts.

Bloomington Committee arranged for a tour of the churches by Rev. Graham Lee, but his father's serious illness prevented his fulfilling the engagements. A "Workers' Conference" was held in connection with the Fall meeting of Presbytery, at which Dr. Marshall was present and Foreign Missions emphasized.

The chairman of Ottawa Presbytery worked through that most excellent channel, a personal letter to every pastor and C. E. Society.

In Peoria Presbytery the effort has been to get churches or groups of churches to undertake the support of a missionary. Elmira church has pledged the support of Rev. George Armstrong, who went forth from the church, and also of a home missionary. Other churches are aspiring to do the same.

The churches of Rock River Presbytery were visited by Rev. Graham Lee, who was for many years supported by the Young People Societies of the Presbytery. Last year they surrendered Mr. Lee to the Broadway church, Rock Island, from which he went out, which has now subscribed his full salary. The Young People's societies will probably adopt Miss J. Edith Jenks, of India, who went from Newton church, to be their missionary.

Springfield Presbytery enjoyed a visitation to most of its churches by the Rev. B. C. Haworth of Japan.

The Rev. John N. Hyde of India carried a great blessing to the churches of Schuyler Presbytery, and on September 4 and 5, mission interest was still further fanned by an Endeavor convention held at Bushnell. In all these ways your committees have been endeaving to promote interest and activity in foreign missions. A question often broached today is, are Foreign Missions losing their hold upon the heart of the church? The October number of the Missionary Review of the World has an article entitled, "Retrograde Movements in Missions," by Dr. A. T. Pierson. He says "A sober and unimperical judgment concerning the drift of the last fifty years must recognize, in some directions, a backward tendency." He suggests four directions:

1. The declining conviction of the world's need of the Gospel.
2. The declining supremacy of practical Christianity.

3. The declining sense of individual obligation and duty.
4. The declining hope of ultimate success in missions.

Desiring to test this question so far as the statistics of our Synod would throw light upon it, I have reviewed the offerings of the Synod for the last quarter of a century, and place them, in the diagram herewith presented, in comparison with the growth of the Synod in communicants. The figures and lines of the diagram reveal the following facts:

Comparative Growth of Membership and Offerings
Synod of Illinois, 1878 ..... 1902.
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FOREIGN MISSION STATISTICS
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GROWTH IN OFFERINGS 258%
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Annual Offering
Av. per Mem.
43.987 $16.973 .38
43.303 19.686 .45
42.888 37.427 .91
42.826 34.354 .80
42.963 36.590 .85
43.326 39.629 .91
45.115 44.750 .99
48.890 40.609 .83
48.606 47.293 .97
48.682 58.539 1.20
49.638 52.721 1.06
50.767 57.195 1.10
52.495 51.468 .98
54.218 57.724 1.06
56.211 62.717 1.11
54.466 64.354 1.06
61.160 58.232 .96
63.247 57.786 .83
65.120 60.691 .93
66.006 52.031 .78
67.202 63.435 .94
67.669 52.585 .77
69.735 63.791 .94
64.460 63.973 .92
72.317 60.725 .83
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First. That the membership of our church has risen, in a quarter of a century, from 43,987 to 72,317, which is a gain of almost 64 per cent. During the same period the offerings for Foreign Missions have advanced from $16,973 in 1878 to $60,725 in 1902, which is a gain of 258 per cent. This is certainly a most encouraging comparison. It does not indicate a decline of interest in Foreign Missions.

Second. The diagram shows that during the first six years of this period the church made no gain in membership. Indeed there was a loss of 661 communicants. Yet during these very years we made our greatest advance in Foreign Mission offering, the average rising from 38 cents to 91 cents per member. This does not indicate a declining interest in Missions, but the very reverse.

Third. According to the Assembly's Minutes the congregational expenses in 1878 averaged $12.52 per member; in 1902 they averaged $13.05. There has been, practically, no increase in the average amount spent upon ourselves. But during these years the average offering for this cause has advanced from 38 cents in 1878 to 83 cents in 1902. One year it rose to $1.20 per member; for six years it was more than $1.00, and the average for the whole twenty-five years has been 92 cents per member. All this points in the direction of a deep and well maintained interest in Foreign Missions.

Fourth. The diagram shows that the starred line of offerings falls below the dotted line of membership since 1894, i. e., since that time the offerings have been less than $1.00 per member. The starred line also shows great fluctuations, and beginning in 1900 shows a downward tendency. This is the least hopeful revelation of the whole table. It looks as though there was a strong tendency in the line to waver, which had been counteracted by special efforts, but in spite of them it seems to have settled into a decline. But we already have a hopeful sign that this decline has been checked and an upward movement begun. I have just received from the Board a comparative statement of receipts from May 1, 1901 to October 1, 1902; it shows that the offerings thus far sent in exceed those of last year during the same time by $550. This is encouraging, but at the same time we must call attention to the fact that this advance comes almost wholly from two Presbyteries, and that most of the Presbyteries have something to do to overtake last year.

COMPARATIVE CONTRIBUTIONS.

May 1 to October 1, 1901—May 1 to October 1, 1902.

PRESBYTERY.	1901		1902	
	CHURCHES.	S. S.	CHURCHES.	S. S.
Alton	$ 208.09	$ 24.54	$ 84.50	$ 47.00
Bloomington	308.19	21.09	211.06	40.25
Cairo	31.00	3.00	48.65	14.00
Chicago	2,424.14	358.45	2,088.66	244.86
Freeport	326.22	11.50	236.10	18.77
Mattoon		4.64	1,013.28	5.44
Ottawa	15.50	20.87	60.25	33.84
Peoria	37.65	73.16	64.18	22.35
Rock River	37.10	33.11	377.50	42.96
Schuyler	154.34	21.88	96.61	13.91
Springfield	211.10	10.00	92.67	
	$ 3,753.33	$ 552.24	$ 4,373.46	$ 483.08
		3,753.33		4,373.46
	Grand Total	$ 4,305.57	Grand Total	$ 4,856.54

It is especially gratifying to know that this increase of offerings is going on all over the church. Dr. Halsey writes "The first five months of the present fiscal year will show a gratifying increase over the same months last year. Last year was our banner year. Judging by these five months I think this year will be better." There are yet other facts which show that the interest of our church in Foreign Missions is not declining. The fact that between May 1 and December 1, 1902, we will send out one hundred and fifteen missionaries, of whom seventy are going to the field for the first time; the fact that many more churches and individuals are coming forward to support their own representative on the field; the fact that a devoted friend of this cause, Dr. T. H. P. Sailer, has gone forth at his own charges to organize mission study classes; the fact that the young men and women who are preparing themselves for the foreign field are going forth during vacation time to systematically visit the churches of a Presbytery or two and cultivate a missionary spirit; the fact that the General Assembly at its last meeting called in faith upon the church for not less than $1,250,000 and a sufficient number of young men and women to make possible the advance to which the Master calls us.

No, we are not asleep. Interest is not declining. It certainly is not what it should be. We cannot boast while the average offering from this wealthy Synod is less than one dollar per member. But all these facts show that interest is strong and quietly growing. There is an hon-

est desire to increase this interest, and not let it become submerged in the multiplicity of calls nearer home. To this end your committee offers the following resolutions:

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved 1. That we consecrate ourselves with renewed faith and prayer to this work of the world's evangelization, which the Master has given us to do.

Resolved 2. That we undertake an *every member campaign* having for its object the direct presentation of this cause, and a specific opportunity to support it, to every individual member of the Presbyterian Church in the Synod; and that we seek to raise not less than an average of $1.00 per member before the close of the fiscal year.

Resolved 3. That a sub-committee be appointed, consisting of one member from each Presbyterial Foreign Mission Committee, and of which Dr. C. N. Wilder of Champaign shall be Chairman, to promote the interests of this cause in our Sabbath Schools; especially to introduce systematic instruction and giving.

Resolved 4. That we urge upon every church the adoption of some kind of missionary educational work, other than the preaching of an occasional sermon by the pastor, e. g:

(*a*) The time-tried and not-to-be-excelled-if-rightly-conducted Monthly Missionary concert.

(*b*) The distribution at regular intervals through the year, to every member of the church, of the Board's literature. Leaflets upon every phase of the work and Dr. Brown's interesting reports of his recent visit to the several mission fields are offered free to all who will use them.

(*c*) The organization of Missionary Reading Circles and Study Classes to pursue the work outlined in "Via Christi."

Resolved 5. The Report of this Committee be given a place upon Synod's program in 1903 on Wednesday afternoon.

At the close of this report the following request was approved:

The Committee on Foreign Missions earnestly and unanimously, the chairman only not uniting in such request, ask the Synod to continue the Rev. Wm. S. Marquis as chairman of the Foreign Missions Committee for the three years next ensuing.

The Records of Rock River Presbytery were approved with exceptions.

The motion to approve the Records of Rock River Presbytery with certain exceptions being reconsidered, the Moderator was authorized to appoint a committee of reference to consult with the chairman of the committee to review said records and

the Stated Clerk of Rock River Presbytery. Whereupon the following were named as a committee:

Ministers C. B. McAfee and R. F. Cressey and Elder E. S. Wells.

The Committee on Pastorates and Vacancies presented report through the Rev. A. R. Bickenback, Secretary, which was accepted as follows, and the overture to the General Assembly adopted and the recommendation to the Presbyteries forwarded to them for their consideration and action at the Spring Meeting:

Having secured promise of a committee meeting, and of co-operation by members of the Committee in plans to be formulated at such meeting, the Secretary begs leave to place certain information before the Synod in the interest of the cause the Committee represents. (See Minutes of Synod 1901, p. 56; 1902, pp. 43-46.)

First of all, there has been a change in the personnel of the Committee during the year. In Schuyler Presbytery, Rev. E. M. Clingan, Secretary of the H. M. Committee, has been made a member in place of Rev. Geo. J. E. Richards, resigned; in Rock River Presbytery Rev. Wm. S. Davis, D. D , Chairman and Secretary Committee on V. and S., has been appointed in place of Rev. J. W. Skinner, D. D., removed from bounds of Synod; and in Alton Presbytery Rev. Elisha Safford, Secretary H. M. Committee, in place of Rev. C. H. H. Branch, removed from bounds of Synod.

From Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries and from Committee men, the following facts have been gleaned concerning the recommendations passed by Synod last year:

Resolution No. 1 (Minutes of Synod 1901, p. 45) has been adopted by Presbyteries of Alton, Cairo, Mattoon and Ottawa; Peoria already having such a rule. In Schuyler Presbytery it was endorsed by H. M. Committee and by Committee on Revision of Rules, ordered printed and to be considered at next spring meeting. Bloomington Presbytery referred communication from the Chairman to its H. M. Committee, and Chicago, Freeport, Rock River and Springfield have as yet taken no affirmative action.

Resolution No. 2 was adopted by Presbyteries of Alton, Cairo, Freeport, Mattoon, Ottawa and Peoria. Schuyler (as above) takes action in spring. Bloomington has referred it to H. M. Committee, and Chicago,

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[NOTE.—Since the resignation of the Chairman (owing to removal from the bounds of the Synod) on Sept. 12, 1902, the Secretary has communicated with all members of the Committee, and with the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries, seeking information for the report which had to be in the printer's hands before a new Chairman was elected or the Committee could be called in council.]

Rock River and Springfield have taken no special action. Both recommendations have been adopted by a majority of the Presbyteries.

Freeport, Mattoon and Rock River Presbyteries have Committees on Vacancy and Supply—in harmony with General Assembly's suggestion. Bloomington Presbytery has a pastor-at-large, and Alton, Chicago, Peoria and Schuyler Presbyteries have similar duties lodged in the hands of H. M. Committees.

Owing to brevity of time, the Secretary has been unable to determine how many pastorates have been dissolved or formed during the past year, nor how many changes have been made by ministers or churches working under supply management. Three compilations are submitted:

I. *Vacancies.* Fifty-four Churches in Illinois are marked Vacant in the General Assembly Minutes of 1902. These 54 Churches represent 3,440 members, as follows:

29	Churches	in	membership	from	1	to 49
7	"	"	"	"	50	to 74
6	"	"	"	"	75	to 99
6	"	"	"	"	100	to 149
5	"	"	"	"	150	to 199
1	Church	with	"	of	233	

Of these fifty-four Churches 25 were marked V in 1901, 12 had Pastors, and 17 were marked S. S. A guess as to their future may be had from the statement that of the 76 V Churches in Minutes of 1901, 25 have remained V, 12 have been dropped, 16 chose pastors and 23 engaged supplies.

We would suggest to their respective Presbyteries that, unless property or other special interests are involved, the Presbyterian Church of America in Cairo Presbytery, and the Presbyterian Churches of Pennsylvania and of Naples in Springfield Presbytery, be dropped, each of them having but one member and no elder, and that letters be granted these brave but lonely members by their Presbyteries to churches of their choice.

II. *Pastorates.* For conveying information concerning the proper recognition of the Pastoral Relation, the Secretary has prepared two tables. The first table is intended to reveal the attitude of the ministers, and the second table the attitude of the Churches toward the Pastorate as the proper Presbyterian relation. Both of these tables are based upon the statistical tables in the General Assembly Minutes of 1902.

First of all it will be recognized that the "occupations" of our ministers are multitudinous. Secondly, it will be manifest that at least in some cases ministers are marked S. S. or Ev. to save them from the designation of W. C. Thirdly, and most important, it will be noticed that 228 ministers are pastors as against 92 who serve as S. S. And fourthly, we regret to state that of the 13 marked P. E. two have carried

TABLE A—Showing *Ministerial* Register for Synod of Illinois, and also comparisons between Ministerial and Church Registers regarding Pastorates and Stated Supplies.

1901—1902. PRESBYTERY.		No. of Churches	Vacant	No. of Ministers	Pastors	Associate Pastors P. Em.	Pastor Elect	Stated Supply	Evangelist	Honorably Retired	1st Transitu	Missionary, H. M. Ch. M., P. M., S. M.	Foreign Missionary	Editor, Teacher, Pres., Prof.	Sec., Supt., Agt., Chaplain.	W. C.	(Blank)	Suspended
Alton	M.			29	11		1	11		1	1				1	3		
	Ch.	49	10		13		1	25										
Bloomington	M.			55	30			8	3	2				1		5	6	
	Ch.	54	6		30		2	16										
Cairo	M.			30	12		1	12		3						2		
	Ch.	43	9		15			19										
Chicago	M.			156	74	2	1	15	9	8	2		9	15	7	13	1	1
	Ch.	89			68		1	20										
Freeport	M.			36	16		6	2	8	3			1					
	Ch.	30	3		16		7	4										
Mattoon	M.			30	10	1	1	11	2	2			1			1		
	Ch.	34			10		1	23							1			
Ottawa	M.			27	12		1	2	5	1	1		2	1		2		
	Ch.	24	3		12		2	7										
Peoria	M.			40	22	1	1	4	1	1	1		4			6		
	Ch.	38	4		22		1	11										
Rock River	M.			33	15	1		6	2	3	1		1	1		3		
	Ch.	36	8		18			10										
Schuyler	M.			36	13			14		3	2	2				2		
	Ch.	42	4		13			24				1						
Springfield	M.			34	13		1	7		4	1							
	Ch.	34	7		15			12										
Total	M.			506	228	5	13	92	30	31	9	2	18	19	10	43	7	1
	Ch.	473	54		232		15	171				1						

TABLE B—Showing recognition by Presbyterian *Churches* in Illinois of THE PASTORAL RELATION.

Presbytery.	Relation....	Church Membership. 1–49	50–74	75–99	100–149	150–199	200–299	300	Totals. Pastorates.	Stated Suppl's	Vacant.	No. of Churches
Alton	P.	1	3	1	3	.....	3	3	14	.....	10	49
	S. S.	9	12	3	.....	.....	1	....	.....	25		
Bloomington	P.	....	3	1	8	9	5	6	32	.....	6	54
	S. S.	9	1	2	4	.....	.....	....	.....	16		
Cairo	P.	1	2	1	5	4	2	....	15	.....	9	43
	S. S.	6	5	7	1	.....	.....	....	.....	19		
Chicago	P.	1	1	11	11	10	9	26	69	.....	0	89
	S. S.	6	5	5	2	1	1	....	.....	20		
Freeport	P.	1	3	4	5	3	2	5	23	.....	3	30
	S. S.	1	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4		
Mattoon	P.	....	.....	3	1	2	2	3	11	.....	0	34
	S. S.	10	3	3	3	2	2	....	.....	23		
Ottawa	P.	....	.....	2	3	4	4	1	14	.....	3	24
	S. S.	2	3	.....	1	1	.....	....	.....	7		
Peoria	P.	....	.....	1	7	6	5	4	23	.....	4	38
	S. S.	8	2	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	11		
Rock River	P.	....	2	3	6	1	2	4	18	.....	8	36
	S. S.	5	2	1	1	.....	1	....	.....	10		
Schuyler	P.	....	2	1	1	3	2	4	13	.....	4	42
	S. S.	11	6	2	2	4	.....	.....	.....	25		
Springfield	P.	....	2	2	3	.....	1	7	15	.....	7	34
	S. S.	8	2	1	.....	1	.....	....	.....	12		
Synod of Illinois	P.	4	18	30	53	42	37	63	247	.....	54	473
	S. S.	75	43	25	15	9	5	....	.....	172		
Totals		79	61	55	68	51	42	63	419			

the mark several years, and two others are marked P. of same churches in 1901, and P. E. (just called) in 1900.

In this table no minister is counted twice. P. or S. S. is given priority over all additional occupations, and "P. and S. S." is counted as pastor. We commend this table to your careful study, only regretting that in some Presbyteries the loyalty of so large a part of its ministry to Presbyterian polity should seem to be called into serious question.

Three encouraging facts are to be gleaned from this table:

1. There are no stated supplies in the State in Churches having 300 or more members. This is a significant fact. There are 63 Churches of that size which honor the relation of pastorate.

2. There are but five churches in the State having 200 or more members who sustain the supply arrangement. As against these five, there are 100 Churches of such size honoring the pastoral relation.

3. From the very smallest Churches to the very largest, it is evident that in this Synod as they increase in size they increase in pastoral devotion, and decrease decidedly in the supply business.

Because of these three facts, we believe it possible to arouse an enthusiasm for the larger recognition of the pastoral relation. We have certainly great encouragement to call for expectant prayer on the part of every pastor and pastorate in the State, for such converting power that, with recurring years, the Churches found failing to maintain the pastoral relation will be discovered farther and farther down the list.

But a fourth fact remains to be noted as these figures are gleaned from the General Assembly Minutes—the fact that many of these "S. S.'s" are bunched up at the end of the Presbyterial roll, and the further fact gleaned that many of them are supplied for stated terms by students in our seminaries. Query; should not these be marked V, or does S. S. stand for "Student Supply?"

In conclusion, the committee begs leave to present the following *overture to the General Assembly* for adoption by the Synod of Illinois:

Whereas, In the register of ministers and churches the designation "S. S." is often used with churches supplied by students; and

Whereas, 2d, the designations S. S. and Ev. are often used to save worthy ministers from the ungracious and altogether unnecessary placard of W. C., and

Whereas, 3d, the General Assembly presents the incongruous attitude of repeatedly affirming that the term "Stated Supply" is neither recognized by nor in harmony with its polity, and yet in 1891 (see Minutes 1891, p. 181) adopted the appellation for its statistical tables and thereby set its approval upon its use year by year;

Therefore, Now, believing that the continuous and miscellaneous use of "S. S." in its statistical tables is working increasing harm to the establishment of the pastoral relation; believing, also, that the designation "Ev." should be used only of ministers distinctly engaged in evangelistic work; believing, further, that the use of "W. C." is both unneces-

sary and ungenerous, *the Synod of Illinois hereby overtures the General Assembly.*

1. To amend Rule (3) for Stated Clerks of Presbyteries (see Minutes of General Assembly 1902. p. 349 a) so that the first sentence shall read: "☞Place the name of every Church and Mission Chapel opposite the name of the member of Presbytery serving as its minister: never opposite the name of any other minister:" (etc.)

2. To amend Rule (4) (*ibid*) by striking out the clauses "S. S. for Stated Supply" (line 3), "and W. C. for other ministers without charge" (last line), and inserting at the close the sentence, "all other ministers to remain as ministers without further designation:" and

3. To amend Rule (5) (*ibid*) by striking out the word "stated" and inserting in its place the word "student."

And now, brethren, what is the office of the sacred ministry? Is it a high calling of God, or is it with some only a profession? If the former it certainly calls for consecration. In the Presbyterian polity, the pastoral relation is the stamp of faith on the part of both minister and people that GOD has called that minister to that church. Sometimes it will require a high type of consecration for a minister thus to testify of his faith: sometimes it will require a high type of faith on the part of the Church. But that type is to be found in the Presbyterian ministry and the Presbyterian Church. In the manifest increase of *esprit de corps* in the Presbyterian Church of today, let us rally around the old fashioned and scriptural terms of minister and pastor, and abandon more and more, if not altogether, the modern professional terms of "S. S." and "W. C."

Further—The Synod views with concern certain unhappy conditions in the relation of ministers and churches:

1. The spirit of unrest as exhibited in the reluctance of many churches and ministers to enter into pastoral relation:

2. The unseemly eagerness of ministers to get a hearing in vacant pulpits, as evidenced by the many personal applications poured in upon such sessions:

3. The consequent confusion of sessions desiring to hear candidates, and their inability to get reliable evidence of the fitness and records of candidates:

4. The apparent interference and officiousness of uninvited suggestions:

5. The lack of any reliable medium of exchange between vacant churches and unemployed ministers.

In view of these conditions your committee presents the following statement of a plan to be recommended to the Presbyteries for their consideration and action at the spring meeting of Presbytery.

Shall the following become the rules of Synod?

Section 1. That in each Presbytery a Permanent Committee, consisting of not less than one Pastor and one Elder be appointed to be called a

Committee on Pastoral relation, their term of office to be two years alternately elected.

Section 2. This committee shall act as a confidential bureau between ministers and churches. It should consist of men who are well known and who command the entire respect and confidence of the churches.

Section 3. All sessions of self-supporting churches desiring change of pastor or seeking a pastor shall be invited to communicate with this Committee.

Section 4. All ministers desiring a change or seeking a field of labor shall be requested to communicate with this committee for proper endorsement and orderly introduction to churches.

Section 5. It shall be the duty of this Committee to consider all such communications confidential and to inform sessions concerning the fitness and qualifications of ministers.

Section 6. This Committee shall make a report at each stated meeting of Presbytery of their work in matters not violating confidences.

Your Committee reports expenses incurred amounting to $4.00.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. R. Bickenbach, Chairman and Secretary.	Henry Cullen, Freeport Presbytery.
	Hugh W. Todd, Mattoon Presbytery.
Elisha Safford, Alton Presbytery.	C. T. Edwards, Peoria Presbytery.
George Hunt, Bloomington Presb'y.	Wm. S. Davis, Rock River Presb'y.
Geo. R. Williams, Chicago Presb'y.	G. B. Hemenway, Springfield Presbytery.

The expenses of the Committee on Pastorate and Vacancies amounting to $4.00 were ordered paid.

The Moderator and Stated Clerk were made a committee to find a place of meeting for the Synod in 1903, and were authorized to appoint a Committee of Arrangements for said meeting.*

The time of the afternoon session was extended thirty minutes.

The report of the Committee on Leave of Absence was received and sdopted as follows:

Your committee excused the following at the close of the afternoon session on Wednesday:

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* NOTE.—A most cordial invitation having come from the First Presbyterian Church of Springfield to the Synod to hold its next stated meeting in that church, it is hereby announced that the meeting will be held in accordance with the above invitation, and the Rev. Thomas D. Logan, D. D., pastor of the church, together with Elders George B. Hemenway and C. C. Brown, are appointed to serve on the Committee of Arrangements.

Ministers.—A. M. Little, R. B. McCain.

Elders.—J. W. McLean, P. N. Hartwell.

Excused after Thursday noon:

Ministers.—R. E. Fleming, T. H. Allen and Alex. Litherland.

Elders—E. J. Clark, C. M. Piper, Wm. Beattie.

Excused after Thursday at 4 p. m.:

Ministers.—M. C. Long, J. H Stevenson, Norman B. Barr, C. G. Reynolds, W. S. Davis, W. B. Allison, M. K. Magner, T. R. Johnson, H. B. Douglass, J. M. Wright.

Elders.—G. H. Houens, J. J. Burg, T. J. Hogue, Chas. Chaffee, W. R. Parkinson.

At the close of the Thursday p. m. session:

Ministers.—W. B. Allison, D. T. Robertson, R. L. Campbell, W. Maxton.

Elders.—G. E. Thornton, Wm. Torrens, Clarence E. Burt, T. T. Roberts, A. K. Ellis, R. T. Higgins.

Wm. Parsons, Chairman.

All standing Committees were discharged.

The roll was then called and the following members found to be present:

Alton Presbytery. Ministers.—Wm. Parsons, Elisha Safford, W. B. Minton, H. K. Sanborne, A. F. Hertel.

Elders.—Frank Carson, E. J. Lockyer, Hugh Bicket.

Bloomington Presbytery. Ministers.—C. N. Wilder, G. D. Heuver, W. G. Keiry, G. R. Smith, G. E. Hunt, N. H. G. Fife, Chas. F. Wilson.

Elders.—H. C. Dexter, W. S. Huston.

Cairo Presbytery. Ministers.—J. F. Knowles, T. E. Spilman, William M. Maxton.

Elders.—G. C. Kingsbury, A. Ellis, L. S. Smith.

Chicago Presbytery. Ministers.—G. B. Safford, D. T. Robertson, James Frothingham, G. P. Williams, C. S. Hoyt, Pleasant Hunter, M. H. Jackson, C. B. McAfee, Wm. T. Angus, Walter M. Grafton, S. L. Divine, W. F. Goff, W. K. Weaver.

Elders—E. S. Wells, H. H. Munger, W. H. Robertson, E. Banning, C. F. Kimball, E. A. Halsey, E. Morris, A. MacLachlan, N. R. Best.

Freeport Presbytery. Ministers.—C. E. Dunn, B. S. Bates, W. I. Alexander, J. H. Boose, H. Cullen.

Mattoon Presbytery. Ministers.—G. Snyder, R. B. Irwin, S. M. Morton, T. Knox, A. M. Elliott.

Elders.—C. N. Black, R. T. Higgins.

Ottawa Presbytery. Ministers.—B. J. Vonder Lippe, J. W. Mann, E. L. Lord, J. I. Crane.

Elders.—Robert Pogue.

Peoria Presbytery. Ministers.—C. T. Edwards, I. A. Cornelison, W. H. Foulkes.

Elders.—W. Beattie, W. E. Robinson, W. Cameron, J. M. Corey.

Rock River Presbytery. Ministers.—W. S. Davis, J. I. Dool.

Elders.—A. M. Shearer, Samuel Burrows.

Schuyler Presbytery. Ministers.—S. W. Findley, L. Pillmeier, J. W. Pugh, J. M. Thompson, S. L. Allison.

Elders.—S. C. Hogue, S. M. Parr, J. L. Findley, J. W. Campbell.

Springfield Presbytery. Ministers.—D. G. Carson, A. S. Kaye, R. F. Cressey, D. J. Mitterling, Wm. Sangree.

Elders.—W. H. Hayden, G. B. Hemenway.

The following Overture of Inquiry was ordered sent up to the General Assembly:

The Synod of Illinois overtures the General Assembly for answer to the following question: "May a Presbytery grant a letter to a minister, leaving it to the Stated Clerk and the brother concerned to determine the Presbytery to which the letter shall be addressed?"

It was decided that those present at the evening session but not present at the final roll call may report to the Permanent Clerk and be marked present.

The records of Mattoon Presbytery were not present for examination.

The committee of conference in the matter of approval of the records of Rock River Presbytery recommended as a substitute for the report of the Committee on Examination the following, which was adopted:

That the records of Rock River Presbytery be approved with the following exceptions:

1. That on page 247 exceptions passed upon sessional records are not recorded.

2. That no record is made of action upon the report of the Home Mission Committee which was presented (See page 249.)

3. That the names of absentees are not included in the records of the meetings of April 8 and Sept. 7, 1902.

The matter of correcting the entry of exceptions in the records of Rock River Presbytery was recommitted to the committee of reference for further consideration.

Synod took recess until 7:30 o'clock p. m.

THURSDAY EVENING.

The meeting was opened with singing, responsive reading and prayer, the Rev. S. M. Johnson presiding.

Synod was addressed by the Rev. Thomas H. Candor of

Bogota, South America. the Rev. Paul D. Bergen of Tsingtau, China, and Miss Nellie T. McGraw of the Hupa Indian Mission, California.

The Presbytery of Rock River was given permission to correct the entry of exceptions on page 269 of its records, the exceptions having been reconsidered by the Synod.

A vote of thanks was unanimously given as follows:

For the common mercies that have favored this meeting of Synod, the smiling skies and softened air and our unmarred health, it is meet, right and our bounden duty to render thanks to Almighty God. It is our further privilege to thank our hosts, who have shown themselves generous and considerate stewards of His manifold grace. We are under obligations to the faithful and beloved pastor of this church and his laborious brother officers for the use of this finely appointed building and for their tireless services. We gratefully remember the overflowing hospitality of the loyal congregation whose guests we have been. We particularly thank the Ladies' Society for the bountiful luncheons. We invoke God's blessing, pressed down, shaken together, running over, on the good people and each of them who have contributed so largely to a happy and successful meeting of Synod.

The reports of the Women's Synodical Societies of Home and Foreign Missions were ordered inserted in the Appendix of the Minutes of Synod.

Minutes of today's sessions were read and approved.

The Clerk was instructed to omit all academic titles from the published volume of the Minutes of Synod.

The business of Synod having been completed and the vote taken to adjourn, the Moderator declared the Synod to be adjourned, and that the next annual Synod will meet on the 3d Tuesday of October, 1903, at such place as shall be announced by the committee appointed for this purpose. The Synod closed with prayer and the apostolic benediction.

SHERMAN L. DIVINE,
Permanent Clerk.

Attest:

GEO. J. E. RICHARDS, Stated Clerk.

I. STANDING RULES OF THE SYNOD.

[AMENDED. SEE RULE 10.]

1. The General Rules of the Judicatories recommended from time to time by the General Assembly shall be the rules of the Synod.

2. The Synod, consisting of Commissioners chosen by the Presbyteries according to the ratio of one minister and one elder for every five ministers on the roll of each Presbytery, shall meet annually on the third Tuesday of October, at 7:30 p. m., and in the place designated at the previous annual meeting.

3. The officers of the Synod shall be a Moderator and two Temporary Clerks, who shall serve for one year; a Stated Clerk, who shall also be Treasurer, and a Permanent Clerk, who shall serve during the term of five years, or until their successors are elected. The salary of the Stated Clerk and Treasurer shall be $250 per year, and that of the Permanent Clerk $75 per year. The Moderator and Permanent Officers shall be chosen by ballot, but in case only one nomination is made the election shall be *viva voce*.

4. A Committee of Arrangements shall be appointed previous to the adjournment yearly, consisting of five members, two of whom shall be the Stated and Permanent Clerks, who shall, so far as possible, provide suitable accommodations for the Synod, and arrange with railroad companies for reduction of fare for the members, and prepare a program for the next session of the Synod.

5. A list of the Commissioners of each Presbytery shall be forwarded by its Stated Clerk to the Stated Clerk of the Synod at least one week previous to the annual meeting.

6. The annual meeting of the Synod shall be opened with a sermon by the moderator, or, in case of his failure, by some one designated by the Committee of Arrangements.

7. At least one-half hour of each day of the sessions shall be given to devotional services.

8. The following Standing Committees shall be appointed annually, viz.:

On Bills and Overtures, 7 members.
On Judicial business, 7 members.
On Minutes and General Assembly, 5 members.
One Finance and Treasurer's Accounts, 3 members.
On Attendance and Absence, 5 members.
On records of the Presbyteries, 3 members each.

9. Permanent Committees shall be constituted on all the Boards and Committees under the supervision of the General Assembly, and also on the Narrative of the State of Religion and on Pastorates and Vacancies, consisting of the Chairmen of the respective Presbyterial Committees, with these exceptions, viz.: That the Committee on Home Missions, on Foreign Missions and on Publication and S. S. Work, may choose Chairmen outside these Committees, if they so desire; also that the representative of the Presbytery of Chicago on the Home Missions Committee, may be other than the Presbyterial Chairman. They shall report in writing on these subjects every year, and the Chairmanship of each of these Committees shall be changed annually in the alphabetical order of the Presbyteries, unless at the special request of any Committees to the contrary; and shall hold such position till the meeting of Synod succeeding their appointment in order that they may see their resolutions or recommendations disposed of.

The Stated Clerks of Presbyteries shall forward to the Stated Clerk of the Synod any changes in the Chairmanships of the Presbyterial Committees as soon as made.

10. The Permanent Committee entitled the Committee on Pastorates and Vacancies shall consist of the Presbyterial Secretaries of the Committees to whom this work may be assigned, with a Chairman and Secretary chosen by themselves, whose duty it shall be to promote by correspondence and by personal visitation so far as possible the normal relation of the Pastorate and the Church in all churches in their own bounds now or hereafter vacant or served by stated or temporary supplies.

To this end the members of this Committee shall be empowered to call to their assistance the Home Missions Committees of their respective Presbyteries in the execution of their work. This work shall consist mainly in co-operating with all vacant churches in the selection and installment of pastors and with all ministers seeking pastorates, preference being given to those within the Synod who are approved and capable ministers of the Word.

Vacant churches which for any valid reason are unable to enter into this relation shall be especially assisted in securing temporary supplies, it being understood that such service be limited to the shortest time consistent with the condition of the Church.

This Committee shall report to the Synod each year:

a. The number and condition of the vacant churches and those having formed the pastoral relation.

b. The number and condition of churches temporarily served, and those which have established a like relation.

c. Recommendations for action to the Synod which their work demands.

11. The Moderator, who opens the annual meeting with a sermon, when not a Commissioner, the Chairmen of the Permanent Committees

and the Stated and Permanent Clerks of the Synod shall be *ex-officio* members thereof, with all the rights of members except that of voting.

12. In addition to the Statistical Report required by Form of Government, Chap. 10, Sec. 9, each Presbytery shall present to the Synod's Committee on Narrative, ten days before the annual meeting, a written report of the State of Religion in the Churches, embracing the results of the Synodical year to October 1; and the reading thereof shall be the special order for the morning of the second day of the Synod meeting.

13. To meet the contingent expenses of the Synod, an apportionment covering the amount needed shall be levied annually on the Presbyteries according to the number of communicants in their churches at their last report; the amount to be apportioned and recommended by the Standing Committee on Finance.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurers of the Presbyteries to remit the amount thus required of them to the Treasurer of the Synod on or before the first of May of each year.

14. The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Synod shall be published in pamphlet form, under the direction of the Stated Clerk, as soon as practicable after the adjournment, and in sufficient number of copies to supply every minister and every Church Session in the Synod with one copy each, and also for distribution at the next Annual meeting of the Synod.

15. The Janitor of the Church where the Synod meets shall be paid $5.00 for his services.

16. There Standing Rules may be modified or repealed, one day's notice being given, and also temporarily suspended by a two-thirds vote of the Synod at an Annual Meeting.

II. SUCCESSION OF MODERATORS.

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS. 1831-1838.

1831	John G. Bergen.	1835	Ralph K. Gidley.
1832	Wm. K. Stewart.	1836	Hugh Barr.
1833	Thos. A. Spillman.	1837	Gideon Blackburn.
1834	Edward Beecher.	1838	John Blatchford, D. D.

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS, N. S. 1839-1869.

1839	A. Hall.	1855	L. M. Glover, D. D.
1840	John Spaulding.	1856	Wm. D. Saunders.
1841	Aratus Kent.	1857	Geo. L. King, D. D.
1842	George W. Gale, D. D.	1858	Joseph S. Edwards.
1843	Luke Lyons.	1859	Hugh Barr
1844	Augustus T. Norton.	1860	Wm. K. Palmer.
1845	Chauncey Eddy.	1861	Chas. H. Foote.
1846	Thos. Lippincott.	1862	D. H. Hamilton, D. D.
1847	John J. Marks.	1863	John L. Jones.
1848	J. M. Sturtevant, D. D.	1864	Timothy Hill.
1849	Albert Hale.	1865	David Dimond.
1850	Robert Stewart.	1866	Wm. L. Tarbet.
1851	Elisha Jenny.	1867	John G. Rankin.
1852	John Blatchford, D. D.	1868	E. A. Black.
1853	Geo. C. Wood.	1869	Chas. H. Foote.
1854	G. W. Dunlap.		

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS, O. S. 1838-1969.

1838	John Matthews.	1854	R. H. Richardson.
1839	Benj. F. Spillman.	1855	T. S. Vaile.
1840	Michael Hummer.	1856	F. N. Ewing.
1841	Andrew Todd.	1857	P. D. Young.
1842	Jas. Stafford.	1858	E. W. Thayer.
1843	Geo. Stebbins.	1859	R. M. Roberts.
1844	Thos. Galt.	1860	Robert Johnson.
1845	Samuel Clelland.	1861	Samuel Lynn.
1846	Samuel Wilson.	1862	John H. Brown, D. D.
1847	Jas. H. Dickey.	1863	Wm. T. Adams.
1848	John Pillsbury.	1864	H. J. Venable.
1849	T. W. Hynes.	1865	John Crozier.
1850	James M. Chase.	1866	S. M. Temple.
1851	James Smith, D. D.	1867	S. H. Steveson.
1852	W. F. Furguson.	1868	John Winn.
1853	W. McCandlish.	1869	G. W. F. Birch.

SYNOD OF PEORIA, N. S. 1843–1869.

1843 James H. Dickey.
1844 H. H. Kellogg.
1845 Aratus Kent.
1846 Flavel Bascom.
1847 Alvah Day.
1848 Wells Andrews.
1849 Calvin R. Clark.
1850 Aratus Kent.
1851 Harvey Curtis, D. D.
1852 Alfred Eddy.
1853 Wm. H. Spencer.
1854 R. W. Patterson, D. D.
1855 S. G. Spees, D. D.
1856 Lewis H. Loss.
1857 Isaac E. Carey.
1858 Geo. W. Gale, D. D.
1859 Henry B. Holmes.
1860 J. Ambrose Wight.
1861 Newton Barrett.
1862 Arthur Swazey, D. D.
1863 H. H. Kellogg.
1864 John W. Bailey.
1865 L. P. Crawford.
1866 Wm. S. Curtis, D. D.
1867 E. A. Pierce.
1868 Samuel Wycoff.
1869 D. R. Eddy.

SYNOD OF CHICAGO, O. S. 1856–1869.

1856 Samuel T. Wilson.
1857 Richard K. Todd.
1858 R. C. Matthews.
1859 W. W. Harsha, D. D.
1860 J. S. Henderson.
1861 I. N. Candee.
1862 Jacob Coon.
1863 Willis Lord, D. D.
1864 Jas. Warren, D. D.
1865 M. B. Patterson.
1866 John C. Barr.
1867 Chauncey Leavenworth.
1868 Chas. Elliott.
1869 J. H. Nesbit.

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS, NORTH. 1870–1881.

1870 June 28, Robert Patterson, D. D., Convener.
1870 June 29, Robert W. Patterson, D. D.
1870 Oct. 21, Reuben Frame.
1871 Isaac E. Carey.
1872 Oct. 17, Josiah Milligan.
1872 Oct. 18-21, Edward C. Sickles.
1873 Geo. C. Noyes.
1874 A. G. Wilson.
1875 Herman D. Jenkins.
1876 John R. Findley.
1877 D. S. Johnson, D. D.
1878 Thos. Galt.
1879 Wm. S. Curtis, D. D.
1880 Thos. S. Johnson.
1881 J. H. Trowbridge.

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS, CENTRAL.

1870 J. G. Bergen.
1870 J. Addison Priest, D. D.
1871 H. V. D. Nevius.
1872 Samuel Wilson.
1873 L. P. Crawford.
1874 R. C. Matthews.
1875. J. Edwards, D. D.
1876 Asahel L. Brooks.
1877 L. M. Glover, D. D.
1878 I. A. Cornelison.
1879 J. G. Lowrie.
1880 Robert Conover.
1881 J. G. Rankin.

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS, SOUTH.

1870	Lucius Root	1876	B. C. Swan.
1870	Joseph Warren, D. D.	1877	Edward P. Rankin.
1871	John M. Johnson.	1878	James W. Stark.
1872	John W. Bailey, D. D.	1879	B. Y. George.
1873	Robert C Galbraith.	1880	J. A. Piper.
1874	Garnet A. Pollock.	1881	E. L. Hurd, D.D.
1875	Chester S. Armstrong.		

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS. 1882–1902.

A. D.	Name.	Presbytery	Place.
1832	Robert W. Patterson, D. D.	Chicago	Springfield.
1883	John W. Dinsmore, D. D.	Bloomington	Alton.
1884	Ambrose C. Smith	Freeport	Bloomington.
1885	B. C. Swan	Cairo	Centralia.
1886	Edward C. Sickells	Rock River	Mattoon.
1887	Amos H. Dean, D. D.	Schuyler	Oak Park.
1888	S. M. Morton, D D.	Springfield	Galesburg.
1889	John W. Worcester	Chicago	Rochelle.
1890	E. L. Hurd	Alton	DuQuoin.
1891	I. A. Cornelison	Peoria	Joliet.
1892	A. B. Morey	Springfield	Jerseyville.
1893	James A. Piper	Mattoon	Peoria.
1894	Frank F. Stoltz	Ottawa	Jacksonville
1895	Wm. A. Hunter	Bloomington	Peoria.
1896	Joseph H. Stevenson	Cairo	Danville.
1897	James Lewis, D. D.	Chicago	Galesburg.
1898	David Clark	Freeport	Bloomington.
1899	Jos. M. Ross	Schuyler	Joliet.
1900	Thos B. Greenlee	Alton	Decatur.
1901	C. N. Wilder, D. D.	Bloomington	Jacksonville.
1902	E. L. Lord	Ottawa	Chicago.

III. SUCCESSION OF STATED CLERKS.

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.

1831–1838. Thos. Lippincott.

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS, N. S.

1838 Thos. Lippincott.
1841 Lycurgus P. Kimball.
1842 Geo C. Wood.
1846 Henry C. Abernethy.
1850 Edward B. Olmstead.

SYNOD OF PEORIA, N. S.

1843 Robert W. Patterson.
1854 Ira M. Weed.
1858 Isahel L. Brooks.
1859 Jephaniah M. Humphrey.
1868 Lewis H. Reid.

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS, O. S.

1838 John G. Bergen, D. D.
1856 Robert Johnson.
1864 Alfred Hamilton.
1866 Robert Conover.

SYNOD OF CHICAGO, O. S.

1856 I. N. Candee, D. D.
1869 S. T. Wilson.

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS, NORTH.

1870 Wm. M. Blackburn.
1881 Geo. C. Noyes.

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS, CENTRAL.

1870 Geo. C. Wood.
1875 Robert Conover.

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS, SOUTH.

1870 Thos. W. Hynes.
1875 E. F. Fish.
1878 Smith H. Hyde.

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.

1882 David S. Johnson, D. D.
1902 Geo. J. E Richards.

IV. SUCCESSION OF PERMANENT CLERKS.

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS, CENTRAL.

1870 Robert Conover.
1875 Isaac A. Cornelison.

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS, SOUTH.

1870 Smith H. Hyde.
1878 H. P. Carson.
1880 Edward P. Rankin.

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.

1882 Smith H. Hyde, D. D.
1902 Sherman L. Divine.

V. REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S SYNODICAL SOCIETY OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

When the year's work was gathered up in the spring the receipts for Foreign Missions from the Woman's and Young People's Societies in Illinois were as follows:

Presbytery of Alton	$ 609 91
Presbytery of Bloomington	4,126 14
Presbytery of Cairo	459 79
Presbytery of Chicago	15,724 82
Presbytery of Freeport	1,802 72
Presbytery of Mattoon	982 57
Presbytery of Ottawa	769 07
Presbytery of Peoria	2,217 74
Presbytery of Rock River	1,037 10
Presbytery of Schuyler	1,573 72
Presbytery of Springfield	2,274 29
Miscellaneous	10 00
Total from Illinois Synod	$31,587 87

Total amount received during the two quarters of this year $6,958.98. Total amount received during the corresponding quarters of last year, $6,291.42; gain $667.56.

Four of the eleven Presbyterial organizations, Alton, Cairo, Ottawa and Rock River show a loss; of these Cairo has eight societies reporting an increase, and Ottawa's loss is only Ottawa's gain in another direction, for three new church buildings give substantial evidence of willing workers. All pledges have been faithfully kept and this fall the gain has been $86.50 more than the amount given a year ago.

Peoria has made the largest advance in gifts for many years; the gain over the previous one as reported in the spring was $244.34. And this fall the increase is twenty dollars in advance of the corresponding quarter last year.

Schuyler's gifts have been the largest of its history. Last spring twenty-one out of twenty-five societies reported an advance and during this summer it has more than held its own.

Rock River reports a specially fine presbyterial meeting. The president writes: "Not one discordant note of discouragement; meetings held regularly, attendance increasing, and I am happy to say, no one satisfied."

All the presbyterial societies save one show a gain, some more, some less, in membership. Alton's loss is due largely to removals and deaths.

In many places the increasing length of vacation sadly depletes the treasury during the summer months and lessens the interest and zeal as well.

Since our last meeting Springfield Presbyterial Society has celebrated its silver anniversary. They have been most favored in the length of service given by their officers. They have had but two presidents, the same recording secretary for all these years, and but three corresponding secretaries, the present one having served half of that period.

Auxiliaries have multiplied in this quarter of a century from six to sixty, and the membership from 45 to 1,203. Gifts have increased from $365 to $2,265, and the treasurer reports for the two quarters just past a gain of $132, and of about one hundred new members, and there are five new organizations.

In nine Presbyteries the systematic study of Missions has been taken up, "Via Christi" and other books of like character being used. The lack of trained teachers, however, is felt to be a hindrance.

The Synodical Secretary of Literature reports:

"No. of copies of Women's Work taken, 1,819; increase over last year, 207. No. of copies of Over Sea and Land, 768; decrease from last year, 114.

"We see in the reports of those who have the grace of perseverance in well doing, encouragement, for they indicate greater desire for Missionary literature, and more inclination to use the supply provided by our Board for information from all lands."

The following is a summary of the Young People's work in the Synod:

286 Senior, three Intermediate, 86 Junior Societies and nine Bands are reported with a total membership, both active and associate of 10,480.

There are 132 Missionary Libraries containing 2,947 volumes; 144 copies of Women's Work, 183 of Assembly Herald, 203 of Over Land and Sea, and 1,024 of Endeavor World are reported.

Missionary addresses delivered under the auspices of the Young people numbered 228.

Missionary study classes and reading circles 14.

Four new Junior Societies have been organized, three in Cairo and one in Freeport, and one has taken a new start. Two have been disbanded, one in Freeport and one in Ottawa, giving us a net gain of only three. We have 392 members of the Tenth Legion and 1,346 who follow the "two cents a week" plan, or some other systematic rule. The combined gifts of our young people, given through the Board of the Northwest, amounted to $5,504.29. This is $434.46 less than last year, accounted for, perhaps, by the fact that extra offerings were taken for China Relief during that year.

The missionaries supported by the Christian Endeavor numbered ten.

The young people of Schuyler have been greatly strengthened by the helpful addresses of their Missionary, Rev. J. N. Hyde, of India.

As you see, the Synodical Society has plenty of machinery, and it works easily, without friction, and with some excellent results. But only about one-fifth of the women of our Church are members of the Missionary organizations. Very much land remaineth to be possessed. As our Field Secretary has aptly quoted, "We're just inchin' along when we would fain take rapid strides." But we are not discouraged for "work done for God," whether little or much, "It dieth not."

Respectfully submitted,

EFFIE M. E. LOUGHRIDGE, Cor. Sec

VI. REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S SYNODICAL SOCIETY OF HOME MISSIONS.

The Women's Synodical Society for Home Missions in Synod of Illinois submits the following report for year ending April 1, 1902:

PRESBYTERY	HOME MISSIONS	FREEDMEN	TOTALL
Alton	$ 425 89	$ 121 88	$ 547 77
Bloomington	2,570 90	567 80	3,138 70
Cairo	267 05	165 61	432 66
Chicago	8,806 00	1,943 90	10,749 90
Freeport	784 96	1,508 05	2,293 01
Mattoon	646 76	453 10	1,099 86
Ottawa	369 07	217 94	587 01
Peoria	1,354 21	246 75	1,600 96
Rock River	1,030 50	245 98	1,276 48
Schuyler	961 31	292 64	1,253 95
Springfield	1,687 98	484 71	2,172 69
Total	$18,904 63	$ 6,248 36	$25,152 99

The Home Mission funds were received from the following sources:

Woman's Missionary Societies	$15,428 50
Y. P. S. C. E.	1,648 83
Other Y. P. Societies and Bands	1,160 02
Sabbath Schools	667 28
Total	$18,904 63

This amount was sent to the Treasurer of the Board, and does not include Presbyterial or Synodical Contingent Funds.

There are 321 Women's Societies, and 49 Bands. 63 Sabbath Schools are reported as having sent contributions.

This has been our best year, the only lost ground being in the Sunday School contribution, which fell $111 behind the previous year.

In the reports to Synod heretofore, we have given only the statement of receipts from April to April.

At this time, through the kindness of the treasurer of the Board and of the acting treasurer of our Synodical Committee, I am able to give also the later figures showing Home Mission receipts by the Woman's Board from Illinois for the year ending Oct. 1, 1902.

They are as follows:

Alton Presbytery	$ 367.84
Bloomington Presbytery	2,640.14
Cairo Presbytery	264.05
Chicago Presbytery	9,060.02
Freeport Presbytery	819.70
Mattoon Presbytery	597.04
Ottawa Presbytery	315.32
Peoria Presbytery	1,329.21
Rock River Presbytery	913.14
Schuyler Presbytery	1,077.00
Springfield Presbytery	1,637.38
Total	$ 19,038.84

According to the recommendation of the General Assembly that a collection for Home Mission Schools be taken in all Sunday Schools on the Sunday nearest Thanksgiving, we ask your assistance in thus interesting the children and young people in aid of these other children in our land whom the gospel can reach in no other way under present conditions.

An instructive printed program, with collection envelopes, in number sufficient for the use of the school, are sent, by the Board, free, to all who will order and use them.

The work of the Illinois Women's Societies has been in support of missionaries in Utah, Alaska, New Mexico, Asheville, North Carolina, and Oklahoma.

The conversions of the year are larger in number than ever before, in spite of the discouraging conditions in Utah. Our missionaries there are forced by every possible means to realize that they are most unwelcome. Increasing efforts are made by the leaders to keep children away from school and church services and to stir up prejudice and hatred. The Mormon organization is so compact, and so pervasive in its influence that, just now, we are making no apparent headway there. But no one can believe it is a time to withdraw support, rather effort must be redoubled, because, whatever may be accomplished by constitutional anti-polygamy amendment or other law, the gospel is the sovereign remedy, and without it this great moral ulcer can never be healed.

Our societies have continued to do what they could by way of stirring public sentiment to urge upon members of Congress their support for anti-polygamy legislation. Many petitions and personal letters have been forwarded, and it is desired to concentrate effort during the coming short session which closes the life of the present Congress. We again ask that this Synod shall not fail to put itself upon record in this matter, not only by passing of reso utions, but that copies of them shall be ordered sent to our Illinois Congressmen, and the chairman of the Judiciary Committee, where the Bill for this Amendment which had passed both Houses, was last heard from.

Our Young People's Societies have for several years been working for Alaska and believing a change of interest would be both pleasant and educational for them, they have now been given the support of a medical missionary in Porto Rico, Dr. Jane H. Harris, assistant to Dr. Atkins, who has done such a successful work in San Juan the past year. The young people are asked to divide their contributions between this work and the support of the evangelist assigned them by Synod's Home Mission Committee. If it is thought that the Women's societies can aid you by supplementing Home Mission salaries with boxes of clothing, our organizations are at your service.

If you so desire, such societies as are ready to undertake a box will be asked to send word to that effect to our secretary, Mrs. Monroe, with whom your chairman can correspond.

Rejoicing in this very best year of our history, and hoping next year upon attaining our majority as a Synodical society, to be able to celebrate by reporting even a little better, we thank God for the past, and step forward with courage into the future.

MRS. C. W. ROBINSON, President.

VII: THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SYNODICAL SECRETARY AND SYNODICAL COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN, SYNOD OF ILLINOIS. OCT., 1901—OCT., 1902.

"To side with truth is noble when we share her wretched crust."

Such was the voice of the great Republic, when thirty-nine years ago the United States flag, with thirty-four stars, was presented to the First Regiment of Colored Volunteers after the Emancipation Proclamation was issued. Today this beautiful flag, with its forty-four stars waves over our land and its new provinces, bringing forcibly to mind the second line of the couplet,

"Ere the cause brings fame and profit and 'tis prosperous to be just."

Up with the flag of our noble country, but higher still run up the flag of the Church, just tinged with blue. We are proud of our loyalty, of our Presbyterian colors, purity of doctrine, serenity of faith, permanence in activity, and spiritual healthfulness, in prayers and in deeds. Let its ample folds float over every Freedman in our Southland.

"Watchman, what of the night?" The watchman said: "The morning cometh and also the night. If ye will enquire, enquire ye." "Walk about Zion, go around about her, tell the towers thereof, mark well her bulwarks, consider her palaces that ye may tell it to the generations following." What the Psalmist would have his people do, your Secretary for Freedmen is expected to do each year for the Presbyterian woman of Illinois.

At the last Assembly our ears were greeted with the major chords of encouragment and hope. "Debt" was passed and "Advance" had been possible—or at least recovery of lost ground—the re-opening of certain closed schools, a lengthened term for some, better wages for faithful service in others, a few new buildings erected and others repaired—such were the glad messages of the months. But was this *all?* O, no! 242 colored Presbyterian churches with 20,622 members and 21,000 Sunday School pupils have been well cared for by 201 ministers; still more—263 missionary teachers have loyally trained 10,708 children and youth for

real Christian citizenship. But best of all, and as seals for faithful services, 1565 have intelligently, publicly, and for the first time sworn allegiance to the King of Kings and joined our Presbyterian churches, while many others, truly converted, have gone with their friends to Methodist and Baptist churches. All this and much more, "between the lines," at an outlay in money of $163,265. Verily, what hath God wrought by His faithful representatives afield and by those also who have vigilantly "stayed with the stuff." Of this sum the Women of the Church gave $61,308, and the Young People and Sunday Schools $4,350. Illinois women contributing $5,598, and her Young People and Sunday Schools $1,089—total for Women's and Young People of Illinois, $6,687, besides a goodly Christmas remembrance—cash and goods to Oak Hill, Indian Territory, towards the needed "well," and the finishing and furnishing of the Girls' Building. So far, so good—but let us not forget that while we have thus given for these people from our "abundance," *they* from their "penury" have given cash for the support of these churches and schools $88,254, an increase of $6,188, as against an increase *for them* from all sources, including goodly legacies, of $17,087. Self help? Where is there a better illustration of this elemental principle for a rising people?

As a Synod, in every Department we have gained—not all we *might* or *should*, but we are devoutly grateful. There is a net gain of twelve contributing societies, and $120; of fourteen contributing Christian Endeavor societies, and $235; and of fourteen Sunday Schools with $44; a gain in individual gifts of $112, and a legacy of $100.

As your Synodical Secretary during the year, 55 meetings have been planned and held in the interests of Freedmen, 1,206 letters written to Societies and Christian Endeavorers, with numerous leaflets and circulars, while the little "Bulletin" has done regular duty at hundreds of firesides— a "tongue for the dumb and him that hath no helper." Has it been to yours, sister? If not, subscribe through Mrs. Nash today and *all* try to be a committee of one to *secure a club in your local churches*. Knowledge is essential. This year let us see to it that *every* Society in our Presbyteries contributes something to Freedmen. It is in the power of us "Presidents and Secretaries" to bring this about, without the least detriment to the other work in hand—rather an increase *everywhere*, for "there is that *scattereth* and yet *increaseth;*" the rest of the passage we have proved quite sufficiently.

During the year some changes have occurred in the schools especially supported by Illinois women. At "Cotton Plant," the burden and responsibility of that large and flourishing school has proved too heavy for Mrs. Potter alone, so regretfully she has been transferred and Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Holley of Lincoln University elected to succeed her and her lamented husband. To the new faculty we extend hearty greeting. "Arkadelphia," in which some of our Societies have long been deeply interested, is forging ahead under its new principals, Rev. and Mrs. B. M. Ward. We trust this last "mustard seed" dropped, will ere long be a

mighty tree for the spiritual health of all the large district. "Monticello" always stands "four square" for everything right and true, and "Pine Bluff" is taking on new hope and "courage." "Mary Allen" Seminary has had a specially trying time between a seige of small-pox among the students and the utter failure of their water supply—fountains dry and no water to be had. In it all she bore herself courageously and now desperate measures are being taken to reach, if possible, some suitable vein of flowing water. Oil is more abundant in parts of Texas than water this year in others. At the "Mary Holmes," with 224 earnest pupils, the highest water mark was reached, health and success attended the year. We should love, did time permit, to go into detail as to these and other schools we have helped. Aside from "usual" and "pledged" work as Presbyteries to each of us is assigned a share in the *Girls'* Building at Brainard, Chester, S. C., while the Christian Endeavorers, of the Church at large, complete the fund for the *Boys'* Building. Just think of 15 to 18 girls being packed in a small attic room, whose only light and ventilation is a little window above the door that opens up to the roof! How comparatively powerless is instruction as to *cabin* sanitation and morality, when in the *school 18 are tucked into a single room!* Listen! "Physician, heal thyself," is the refrain the breezes bear northward. Let us all be prompt and generous in meeting our Presbyterial Assessments for this Girls' Building. Be very *sure* to *specify plainly* the object when forwarding funds. This year, too, we are as a Synod to have two "Parochials" to pray for, while Chicago agrees to adopt them. They are at Greenville, S. C., and Blacksburg, S. C.

Thus we will begin this new year with hearts *fully* determined to do our entire duty, *as* "duty" then bring in the "*free-will* offering" for the *priviledge* of having a share in such wonderfully productive work. A well defined missionary zeal is both happy and easy. If we attempt to serve God and the world, we lose the benediction of both. An added incentive to action we have in Cuba and Porto Rico. To them our Freedmen are already looking, and from among them God is preparing many a missionary savior, with kinship of thought, responsive sympathy and a physique capable of resisting the climate. No preparatory work in the world promises richer harvests from so meager an outlay, as preparing future teachers of Africa, Cuba, Porto Rico and the Phillipines upon our own soil. Our Board asks help. Asking, or its need, implies somewhere a power to answer. The altar is ready for the gift. Let us lay upon it the gift of gold, the frankincense of power and the myrrh of faith. Let us fill our altars with our faith and *loving* gifts,—lay upon them our *very selves* if need be. There is no conflict in Mission work. There will be no falling off of funds for Home and Foreign work. Not a prayer less for China, Japan, India, the Mormons, Mexicans or Indians, but our prayers will be more abundant, more expressive, more expansive, and Home and Foreign Missions and Freedmen clasping hands through Christian wo-

men's love, shall lead these people and the destitute of our own dear land side by side to the "Beautiful City." "Let him that readeth understand."

Respectfully submitted,

MISS MARY. E. HOLMES,
Secretary and Chairman, Rockford, Ill.
MRS. ELLA BRAINARD, Lincoln, Ill.
MRS. DR. CARRIEL, Jacksonville, Ill.
Synodical Committee on Freedmen.

VIII. SUMMARY OF WOMAN'S WORK FOR HOME MISSIONS IN THE SYNOD OF ILLINOIS FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1902.

Synodical officers and addresses:

President—Mrs. C. W. Robinson, Bloomington.

Secretary and Treasurer of Contingent Fund—Mrs. M. C. Monroe, Chicago.

Young People's Secretary—Miss Louise Frackelton, Petersburg.

Secretary of Literature—Mrs. Alfred Nash, Joliet.

Alton—Mrs. W. T. Reynolds, President, East St. Louis; Mrs. M. E. Garrigus, Secretary, Trenton.

Bloomington—Mrs. William Camp, President, Bement; Mrs. C. B. Scott, Secretary, Winona.

Cairo—Mrs. T. E. Spilman, President, DuQuoin; Mrs. Augusta D. Swan, Secretary, Metropolis.

Chicago—Mrs. H. P. Merriman, President, Chicago; Mrs. C. K. Adams, Secretary, Chicago.

Freeport—Miss Mary E. Holmes, President, Rockford; Miss Elizabeth Williams, Secretary, Rockford.

Mattoon—Mrs. Ella Read, President, Charleston; Miss Lillie Kirkpatrick, Secretary, Pana.

Ottawa—Mrs. Charles Handwerk, President, Morris; Miss Margaret B. Shaw, Secretary, Ottawa.

Peoria—Miss Julia H. Johnston, President, Peoria; Mrs. R. J. McKeighan, Secretary, Yates City.

Rock River—Mrs. H. M. Mills, President, Rock Island; Mrs. L. E. Pritchard, Secretary, Woodhull.

Schuyler—Mrs. J. W. Pugh, President, Fountain Green; Mrs. J. T. Foster, Secretary, Monmouth.

Springfield—Mrs. Alice Wells, President, Decatur; Mrs. C. E. Duer, Secretary, Jacksonville.

Amount from Societies	$ 21,039.89
Amount from Bands	481.60
Amount from Y. P. S. C. E.	2,265.00
Amount from Junior C. E.	195.60
Amount from Sunday Schools	692.15
Special for Freedmen	728.58
Home Mission Total	25,402.82
How much of this amount for Freedmen	6,163.93
Contingent Fund	1,534.37
Value of Boxes	5,936.93
Number of Members	7,576
Number of Meetings held	3,295
Number of Societies	321
Number of Bands	49
Number of S. S. Contributing	60
Copies of "H. M. M." taken	1,579
Copies of "O. S. and L." taken	648

MRS. M. C. MONROE,
Sec. and Treas. of Contingent Fund.

IX. TREASURER'S REPORT.

The retiring Treasurer presents the following report on the Contingent Fund of the Synod from Oct. 15, 1901, to Oct. 21, 1902.

RECEIPTS.

Received from Treasurers of the Presbyteries—

Alton	$ 57 44
Bloomington	91 50
Cairo	43 92
Chicago	261 55
Freeport	54 42
Mattoon	49 90
Ottawa	37 37
Peoria	64 42
Rock River	53 76
Schuyler	58 27
Springfield	61 02
Total	$833 57
Received from Women's Societies for Programs	2 00
Balance from 1901	37 50
Total	$873 07

DISBURSEMENTS.

To Janitor of Jacksonville church	$ 5 00
Stationery for last Synod	1 22
Express on packages	1 35
Dr. W. S. P. Bryan for postage	6 50
Dr. W. S. P. Bryan, for printing extra copies of Education Report	13 50
Expressage on same	50
Old bill of Rev. Wm. Parsons for printing Temperance Literature	51 52
Printing bill of Committee on Pastoral Relations	7 55
Printing bill of Foreign Missions Committee	4 00
Printing Advance Reports	28 00
Printing 1,000 Minutes	157 50
Envelopes for same	2 40
Postage for 850 Minutes	25 50
Dr. Hyde's Salary	75 00
Stated Clerk and Treasurer's salary	250 00
Bill of Programs of 1900, not reported before	7 50
Stationery, envelopes, stamps, etc	6 80
Balance from last year	37 50
Total	$681 34
Received	$873 07
Paid out	681 34
Balance	$191 73

For which a check on First National Bank, Chicago, is herewith presented, together with vouchers, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

D. S. JOHNSON.

MILEAGE REPORT FOR THE YEARS 1900-1902.

The retiring Treasurer presented the following mileage report for 1900-1901:

Balance on hand Oct. 15, 1900	$ 333 43
Receipts from Presbyteries—	
Alton	49 40
Bloomington	75 01
Cairo	36 46
Chicago	209 94
Freeport	45 06
Mattoon	41 53
Ottawa	31 23
Peoria	53 80
Rock River	45 96
Schuyler	47 96
Springfield	51 00
Total	$1020 78

The disbursements have been as follows:

Paid 119 Commissioners (vouchers presented)	$ 591 39
Paid 19 Commissioners (vouchers lost)	93 18
Paid 6 speakers and Permanent Clerk	37 35
Paid W. P. Association Agent	11 00
Paid for telegrams to and from Chicago	3 36
Pa d for mileage notices sent	3 00
Total disbursements	$ 739 28
Balance in Treasury Oct. 15, 1901	281 50
	$1020 78

He has also collected from the Presbyteries for the mileage fund of 1901-1902 as follows:

Alton	$ 38 32
Bloomington	61 00
Cairo	29 28
Chicago	174 36
Freeport	36 23
Mattoon	33 28
Ottawa	24 91
Peoria	42 94
Rock River	35 84
Schuyler	38 85
Springfield	40 68
Total	$ 555 69
Paid for postals and letters sent commissioners of 1902	$ 1 80
Balance	553 89
Balance brought over from last year	281 50
Total due Synod Oct. 20, 1902	$ 835 39

He herewith presents vouchers and check for the above amount.

Respectfully submitted,

D. S. JOHNSON.

X. STATISTICAL REPORTS OF PRESBYTERIES.

PRESBYTERY OF ALTON.

Ministers		*Churches*	
Number	32	Number	49
Received	7	With pastors	12
Ordained	1	With pastor-elect	1
Dismissed	6	With stated supplies	27
Local evangelists	2	Vacant	9
Candidates	2	Membership	4,850
		S. S. Membership	6,074

Ministers Received—H. W. Marshall, Palmyra Presbytery; J. W. Knott, Ozark Presbytery; E. W. Faris Holler, Cimarron Presbytery; M. H. Kerr, Palmyra Presbytery; L. C. Schock, Platte Presbytery; Wm. Jackson, St. Louis Presbytery; W. Bryson Smith, St. Louis Presbytery.

Ministers Dismissed—Robert Carson, Trinity Presbytery; E. W. Lanham, Fort Dodge Presbytery; W. M. Grafton, Chicago Presbytery; T. B. Greenlee, Kearney Presbytery; W. H. Cooper, Austin Presbytery; C. H. Hardin Branch, West Lexington Presbytery, Presbyterian church in United States.

Minister Ordained—Thomas Carl Jackson, Butler.

WALTER H. BRADLEY, *Stated Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF BLOOMINGTON.

Ministers.		*Churches.*	
Whole number	55	Whole number	54
Deceased	1	New edifices	1
Dismissed	10	Vacant	11
Received	10	With pastors	31
Ordained	1	With pastor-elect	1
Candidates	1	With stated supplies	11
Installations	6	Total membership	7,822
Dissolutions	6	Total S. S. membership	7,021

Received and Enrolled since Minutes of Synod Oct. 1901—Charles H. Brown, Rock River Presbytery; E. Floyd Hoke, Chicago Presbytery; Adam Schafer, Maumee Presbytery; Geo. A. Lawrence, Huron Presbytery; Elmer D. Gallagher, Madison Presbytery; John R. Skinner, Crawfordsville Presbytery; Reuben L. MacWherter, Springfield Presbytery; Charles McCluer, Peoria Presbytery; David S. McCaslin, Cedar Rapids Presbytery; D. Irwin Conkle, Huron Presbytery.

Dismissed since Minutes of Synod Oct. 1901—Vernon C. Byers, St.

Louis Presbytery; William A. Cutler, Milwaukee Presbytery; Winfield V. Jeffries, Rock River Presbytery, Robert S. Weinland, Dubuque Presbytery; Alva S. Covert, Madison Presbytery; John Thomas, Chicago Presbytery; James M. Wallace, Philadelphia North Presbytery; John Coslett Morgan, Cimarron Presbytery; Everts Smits, Crawfordsville Presbytery; R. Clifford Cully, Ft. Dodge Presbytery.

Deceased—Geo. T. Everest, Nov. 4, 1901.

GEO. R. SMITH, *Stated Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF CAIRO.

Ministers.		*Churches.*	
Number	27	Number	42
Pastors	11	With pastors	14
Pastor elect	1	Pastors elect	1
Relations dissolved	2	Relations dissolved	2
Stated supplies	11	Stated supplies	16
Ministers dismissed	4	Churches vacant	12
Ministers received	3	Communicants	3,733
Ministers H. R.	3	Sunday school membership	4,003
Ministers W. C.	2	Churches dissolved	3
Candidates	1		

Ministers Dismissed—Rev. J. O. Hough to Kansas City Presbytery; Rev. J. S. Martin to Ottawa Presbytery; Rev. W. S. Pryse to Louisville Presbytery; Rev. J. H. Cooper to Whitewater.

Ministers Received—Rev. W. W. Faris, D. D, from East Florida Presbytery; Rev. J. N. Strain from Springfield Presbytery; Rev. Paul Heiligman from Iowa.

JOHN T. FARIS, *Stated Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF CHICAGO.

Ministers.		*Churches.*	
Whole number	154	Total number	89
Deceased	2	Organized	2
Dismissed	14	Vacant	7
Demits ministry	1	With pastors	66
Received	13	With pastors-elect	1
Ordained	2	With stated supplies	15
Licentiates	5	New edifices	5
Local evangelists	2	Total membership	22,718
Installtions	8	Total S. S. membership	28,834
Dissolutions	7		
Candidates	14		

Received and Enrolled since Publication of Assembly Minutes—Rev.

Frederick L Selden, Milwaukee Presbytery; Rev. Henry Abraham, Kalamazoo Presbytery.

Dismissed since Publication of Assembly Minutes—Rev. James R. Kaye, Springfield Presbytery; Rev. Andrew S. C. Clarke, Omaha Presbytery; Rev. Reuben L Fleming, Rock River Presbytery.

Deceased—Rev. Nathan H. Downing, Aug. 7, 1902; Rev. J. Morris Cross, D. D., Nov. 18, 1901.

PRESBYTERY OF FREEPORT.

Ministers.		*Churches.*	
Received	5	With pastors	17
Dismissed	4	With pastors-elect	2
Deceased	1	With stated supplies	2
Ordained	3	Vacant	9
Installed	6	Disbanded	3
Released	4	Whole number	30
Whole number	34	Total membership	4,644
Licentiates	1	Total membership in S. S.	4,564
Candidates	3	Manses built	1

For the roll of churches, see Minutes of General Assembly, 1901.

For the roll of ministers, see Minutes of General Assembly, 1901, adding the names of those here given as received and ordained and omitting those dismissed.

Received—Rev. Adolphus Krebs, from Presbytery of Hastings: Rev. Charles P. Bates, from the Presbytery of Lake Superior; Rev. August Kalohn, from the Presbytery of Southern Dakota: Rev. William R. Shelt, from the Presbytery of Logansport: Rev. Birdsey S. Bates, from the Presbytery of Saginaw.

Dismissed—Rev. J. E. Funk, to the Presbytery of Winona; Rev. C. P. Bates, to the Presbytery of Saginaw; Rev. John G. Cowden to the Presbytery of Denver: Rev. Henry Cullen, D. D., to the Presbytery of Rock River.

Ordained—Rev. Henry White, Laos, Siam; Rev. John Henry Boose, Westminster Church, Rockford; Rev. A. R. DesJardien, Harvard.

Deceased—Rev. James R. Smith, Nov. 25, 1901, at Pleasant Valley, Ill.

Attest: THOMAS R. WHITE, *Stated Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF MATTOON.

Ministers.		*Churches.*	
Ministers received	2	Churches with pastors	10
Ministers dismissed	2	Church with pastor elect	1
Ministers deceased	1	Churches with S. S.	23
Ministers, number	30	Churches dissolved	3
		Whole number of churches	34

Died during the year—Rev. Joseph Wilson of Neoga.

SAMUEL M. MORTON, *Stated Clerk, pro tem.*

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.

Ministers.		*Churches.*	
Ministers received	4	Number of churches	24
Ordained	1	With pastors	13
Dismissed	3	With supplies	8
Deceased	0	Vacant	3
Whole number	27	Communicants	3,187
Candidates	2	S. S. scholars	3,205
Licentiates	0		
Installations	3		
Dissolutions	1		

Ministers received—William A. Montgomery from Presbytery of Waterloo; Donald K. Campbell from Presbytery of Chicago; John S. Martin from Presbytery of Cairo; D. Lee Sanborn from Fox River association of Congregational churches.

Ministers dismissed—George B. Troub to Presbytery of Iowa; Thomas Galt to the Presbytery of Abingdon (South); Harris H. Gregg, to Presbytery of St. Louis.

Ordained—Benjamin R. VonderLippe.

THEO. H. ALLEN, *Stated Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF PEORIA.

For the roll of churches, see Minutes of the General Assembly 1902,

For the roll of ministers, see Minutes of the General Assembly 1902, omitting the name of Robert T. Matthews and adding the name of Charles. W. Whorrall.

Ministers Received—Wilson W. Tait and Lyman C. Gage from the Presbytery of Fort Dodge; John B. Farrell from the Presbytery of Vincennes, and Charles W. Whorrall from the Presbytery of Springfield.

Ministers Dismissed—Robert T. Matthews, to the Presbytery of Pueblo; and Otis G. Dale, to the Presbytery of Chippewa.

Ministers.		*Churches.*	
Received	4	Organized	1
Dismissed	2	Dissolved	1
Deceased	0	Whole number	38
Ordained	2	With pastors	21
Whole number	39	With stated supplies	9
Licentiates	0	Vacant	8
Candidates	1	Whole number	38
Installations	2	Edifices built	1
Pastoral relations dissolved	1	Manses provided	0
		Total membership	5,596
		Total S. S. memberhip	5,856

ISAAC A. CORNELISON, *Stated Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF ROCK RIVER.

Ministers.		*Churches.*	
Ministers received	6	Churches organized	0
Ministers dismissed	7	Churches Dissolved	0
Ministers ordained	1	Church edifices built	1
Ministers whole number	31	Manses acquired	0
Candidates	2	Churches with pastors	17
Licentiates	0	Churches with supplies	11
Installations	5	Churches vacant	8
Dissolutions	8	Whole number of churches	36
		Whole number of members	4,643
		Whole number in S. S.	4,144

W. S. DAVIS, *Stated Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF SCHUYLER.

Ministers.		*Churches.*	
Received	5	Dismissed	1
Ordained	1	Number	41
Dismissed	8	With pastors	11
Deceased	1	With stated supplies	22
Number	31	Vacant	8
Pastors	11	Total membership	4,986
Stated supplies	15	Total S. S. membership	5,196
H. R.	2		
W. C.	2		
S. M.	1		
Candidates	3		

Ministers Received from Presbyteries—Revs. Harvey C. Duckett from Ft. Wayne; L. B. Dye from Topeka; M. R. Baer from Rock River; John Neve from Dubuque; W. B. Shirey from Corning.

Minister Ordained and Installed—Rev. Daniel W. Morgan over Wythe church October 22, 1901.

Ministers Dismissed to Presbyteries—Revs. A. C. Selby to Larned; J. B. Vance to Fargo, A. H. Dean, D. D., to Ozark; R. B. Irwin to Mattoon; J. W. Sanderson to Milwaukee; G. McQueen to Maumee; H. C. Duckett to Cimarron; J. C. Underwood to Porto Rico.

Ministers Deceased—Rev. Jessie M. Jamieson, D. D., July 14, 1902, 95 years of age.

Pastorates Dissolved July 15, 1902—Rev. A. H. Dean, D. D. and Monmouth church, and Rev. J. H. Bratton and Macomb church.

Church Dismissed—Aguadilla to help form Presbytery of Porto Rico.

GEO. J. E. RICHARDS, *Stated Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF SPRINGFIELD.

The roll of churches the same as in the General Assembly Minutes.

Ministers Received—Rev. D. J. Mitterling from the Presbytery of Monroe: Rev. J. M. Gillette, Ph. D., from the Presbytery of Larned; Rev. Jas. R. Kaye, Ph. D., from the Presbytery of Chicago, and Rev. Elsworth E. Lashley from the Presbytery of Lehigh.

Ministers Dismissed—Rev. R. L. McWherter to Presbytery of Bloomington; Rev. J. N. Strain to Presbytery of Cairo: Rev. J. C. Hanna to Presbytery of Cimarron; Rev. Chas. W. Whorrall to Presbytery of Peoria; and Rev. E. M. Snook, Ph. D., to Presbytery of Iowa.

Deceased—Rev. Erastus W. Thayer, aged 90.

Ordained—Mr. Frank J. Bryson, pastor of the church at Pawnee.

Ministers.		*Churches.*	
Number of ministers	33	Number of churches	34
Ministers received	4	Churches with pastors	15
Ministers dismissed	5	Churches with S. S.	9
Ordained	1	Churches vacant	10
Installed	1	Total membership	5,539
Pastorates dissolved	2	Sabbath school membership	5,364
Candidates	3		

GEO. C. LENINGTON, *Stated Clerk.*

SUMMARY

OF STATISTICS OF THE SYNOD OF ILLINOIS FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 1, 1902.

PRESBYTERY	Ministers Received	Ministers Dismissed	Ministers Deceased	Installations	Ordinations	Pastorates dissolved	Licentiates	Candidates	Whole No. of Ministers	Churches organized and received	Churches dissolved and dismissed	Church edifices built	Manses acquired	Churches with pastors	Churches with stated supplies	Churches vacant	Whole number of churches	Whole number of members	Whole number of S. S. members	STATED CLERKS.
Alton	7	6	..	..	1	..	..	2	32	..	..	..	..	12	28	9	49	4,850	6,074	Walter H. Bradley.
Bloomington	10	10	1	6	1	6	..	1	55	..	..	1	..	31	12	11	54	7,822	7,021	Geo. R. Smith.
Cairo	3	4	..	2	..	2	..	1	27	..	3	..	..	14	10	12	42	3,733	4,103	John T. Faris.
Chicago	13	14	2	8	2	7	5	14	154	2	..	5	..	66	10	7	83	22,718	28,834	James Frothingham.
Freeport	5	4	1	6	3	4	1	3	34	..	3	..	1	17	4	9	30	4,644	4,564	Thos. R. White.
Mattoon	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	30	..	3	..	..	10	24	..	34	4,439	3,735	Samuel M. Morton.
Ottawa	4	3	..	3	1	1	..	2	27	..	..	..	..	13	8	3	24	3,187	3,205	Theo. H. Allen.
Peoria	4	2	..	2	2	1	..	1	39	1	1	1	..	21	9	8	38	5,596	5,856	I. A. Cornelison.
Rock River	6	7	..	5	1	8	..	2	31	..	..	1	..	17	11	8	36	4,643	4,144	W. S. Davis.
Schuyler	5	8	1	1	1	2	..	3	31	..	1	..	..	11	22	8	41	4,986	5,196	Geo. J. E. Richards.
Springfield	4	5	..	1	1	2	..	3	33	..	..	..	..	15	9	10	34	5,539	5,364	Geo. C. Lenington.
Total 11	63	65	6	28	13	33	6	32	493	3	11	8	1	227	159	85	471	72,157	78,096	

XI. LIST OF CHURCHES, NUMBER OF ELDERS AND CLERKS OF SESSIONS.

PRESBYTERY OF ALTON.

Churches.	No. Elders.	Clerks.
Alton	5	S. R. McClure
Baldwin	4	Wm. Wisson
Belleville	5	James McQuilkin (222 E. 7th.)
Blair	4	T. J. McBride
Bethel (Reno)	3	H. M. Ferguson
Brighton	3	Wm. Hart
Butler	3	Geo. W. Dryer
Carlinville	6	W. T. Brown
Carlyle	3	Wm. Smith
Carrollton	6	G. W. Davis
Chester	4	M. C. Crissey
Collinsville	3	R. S. Reed
East St. Louis	6	H. J. Buerki (339 Collinsville Ave.)
Ebenezer	3	James Lawder (Rockwood)
Edwardsville	4	J. H. Gluss
Elm Point	2	Thos. Wafer (Donnelson)
Greenfield	6	W. A. Saylor
Greenville	12	S. Curtis White
Hardin	4	B. F. Wilkinson
Hillsboro	9	J. O. Fisher
Jerseyville	5	Rev. J. G. Klene
Kampsville	1	A. R. Zimmerman
Lebanon (Marshall Memorial)	2	S. F. Flint
Litchfield	9	J. R. Paisley
Madison	1	J. R. Beale
Moro	4	Arthur Smith
Nokomis	5	— — Barkley
Plainview	1	Geo. Morrison
Raymond	3	B. F. Culp
Rockwood	4	Alexander Barber
Salem (German)	2	Rev. J. F. Morey (Fosterburg.)
Sparta	8	James Gordon, Sr.
Spring Cove	3	H. B. Warner
Staunton	4	W. R. George
Steeleville	2	——
Sugar Creek	2	C. O. Drayton
Summit Grove	3	D. S. H. Nevius, (Kampsville.)
Trenton	4	A. W. Carter
Troy	3	Dr. F. M. Zanders
Unity	2	W. M. Gray
Upper Alton	4	Rev. W. H. Bradley
Virden	6	J. M. Furry
Walnut Grove	3	H. P. VanArsdale, (Carrollton, R. D.)
Walnut Hill	3	Johnson Wilson
Waveland	3	W. F. Hickman
White Hall	5	H. O. Tunison
Woodburn (German)	3	Rev. J. F. Morey (Fosterburg.)
Yankeetown	1	Hugh McCuen (Ames)
Zion (German)	2	Rev. J. F. Morey (Fosterburg.)

PRESBYTERY OF BLOOMINGTON.

Churches.	No. Elders.	Clerks.
Alvin	3	C. A. Peterson
Bement	6	Harlon P. McNair
Bloomington 1st	7	William Maxwell
Bloomington 2d	10	M. L. Moore
Cayuga	3	Wm. Baughman
Cerro Gordo	2	William Kinley
Champaign	8	Geo. W. Harwood
Chatsworth	5	D. J. Stanford
Chenoa	6	Dr. E. P. Holderness
Cissna Park	1	John H. Crain
Clarence	3	J. C. Smith
Clinton	8	Wm. R. Kundle
Cooksville	5	J. C. Wilson
Covel	2	——
Colfax	3	Arch Harpole
Danville 1st	7	Chas. T. Yeomans
Danville Bethany	4	Peter Scheimer
Downs	3	G. G. Doolie
Elm Grove	3	John E. Britton
El Paso	7	George Shuman
Fairbury	3	Charles Keck
Farmer City	2	Morton Kent
Gibson City	7	Oscar H. Damon
Gilman	4	Henry Harris
Heyworth	6	A. J. McComb
Hoopeston	5	O. P. Chamberlin
Homer	3	J. C. White
Jersey	3	John Odell
Lexington	7	W. R. Mahan
Mahomet	3	Jas. W. Herriott, Jr.
Mansfield	2	E. S. Cunningham
Mononk	4	J. A. Simpson
Monticello	5	Carlton J. Bear
Mt. Carmel	3	I. N. Horner
Normal	5	Arthur E. Stout
Onarga	6	J. W. Porter
Paxton	2	D. B. Graves
Philo	3	S. S. Love
Piper City	5	W. O. McKinney
Pontiac	6	Dr. J. A Caldwell
Prairie View	4	James H. Noble
Rankin	4	John S. Hewins
Reading	3	A. H. Patterson
Rossville	4	George Maury
Sidney	1	Chas. S. Helm
Selma	2	C. E. Ransom
Sheldon	3	Robert Ross
Tolono	5	T. M. Salisbury
Towanda	3	Geo. W. Peterson
Urbana	3	Dr. E. B. Greene
Watseka	5	B. L. Gilmore
Waynesville	5	Lowell K. Cunningham
Wellington	5	W. V. Doan
Wenona	4	Thomas J. Hoge

PRESBYTERY OF CAIRO.

Churches.	No. Elders.	Clerks.
America	1	J. F. Lyerly
Anna	5	Dr. F. A. Sabin
Ava	5	Matthew Wright
Bridgeport	6	C. M. Piper
Cairo	3	M. Easterday
Campbell Hill	4	J. M. Hanna
Carbondale	7	G. W. Etsminger
Carterville	2	Hugh M. Richart
Carmi	4	C. S. Conger
Centralia	6	Henry D. Buck
Cobden	5	H. A. Dubois
Duquoin	3	W. R. Kingsbury
Eagle Creek (Shawneetown)	3	Peter Hine
Enfield	1	James E. Willis
Equality	2	Thomas A. Davis
Fairfield	3	John Kean, Jr.
Flora	3	Alex. G. McQueen
Friendsville	3	B. W. Lucas
Galum (Pinckneyville)	8	F. P. Anderson
Gilead(Sumner)	1	Porter Craig
Golconda	7	D. G. Thompson
Grand Tower	2	J. W. Davie
Harrisburg	6	Wm. Penn Hallock
Keil	3	M. C. Keil
Lawrenceville	3	F. W. Keller
McLeansboro	1	T. M. Eckley
Metropolis	4	Cyrus P. Treat
Mt. Carmel	4	G. C. Kingsbury, M. D.
Mt. Olivet (West Liberty)	4	R. N. Dalzell
Mt. Vernon	4	W. R. Parkinson
Murphysboro	4	John H. Delano
Nashville	4	Wm. B. Anderson
Oak Grove (Oakdale)	2	William Williamson
Odin (Salem)	3	John McMurray
Olney	6	John N. Horner
Pisgah (Bridgeport)	4	T. H. Gutheridge
Potter Memorial (Cave-in-Rock)	1	J. H. Threlkeld
Richland (Calhoun)	5	William Williamson
Saline Mines	1	James Rose
Shawneetown	4	Carl Roedel
Sumner	4	H. M. Wagner
Tamaroa	4	J. W. Haines
Union (Pasture-field)	3	S. S. Brookhart
Vergennes	3	E. C. Lovejoy
Wabash (Linn)	1	Charles Andrews

PRESBYTERY OF CHICAGO.

Churches.	No. Elders.	Clerks.
Arlington Hts	3	Sherman E. Pate
Austin	11	Robert S. Pettibone
Avondale	6	Axel B. Paulson
Belden Ave	11	John W. McLean
Berwyn	5	Arthur J. Dunham
Bethany	5	Wm. P. Milton
Braidwood	5	Albert A. Pawling
Brighton Park	4	Richard Collins
Brookline	7	Phineas N. Hartwell
Buckingham	3	H. S. Randall
Cabery	4	D. W. Butler
Calvary	6	G. F. Snyder
Campbell Park	8	John C. Crafts
Central Park	5	Henry H. Stryker
Chicago 1st	11	Henry H. Munger
Chicago 2d	10	Henry M. Ralston
Chicago 3d	25	Russell B. Merriam
Chicago 4th	6	Chas. H. Mallikin
Chicago 6th	9	Chas. J. Merritt
Chicago 7th	5	Edgar O. Burton
Chicago 8th	11	Frank W. Main
Chicago 9th	6	James B. Peat
Chicago 10th	7	William Groundwater
Chicago 11th	3	Sytze De Bruine
Chicago 41st St.	10	William L. Moss
Chicago 52d Av	6	E. W. S. Shipman
Chicago Heights	5	Geo. H. Caskey
Christ	6	Howard E. Snyder
Covenant	10	Edward A. Halsey
Deerfield	2	Lyman H. Wilmot
Douglas Park	4	Arthur M. Houser
Du Page	3	Rev. M. B. McNutt
Edgewater	2	E. J. Holden
Elwood	4	James McIntyre
Emerald Ave	7	Alexander Caird
Endeavor	3	Wm. Taylor
Englewood	9	Samuel W. McCune
Evanston 1st	11	Homer C. Hunt
Evanston 2d	6	Alexander Smart
Faith		Wm. H. Robertson
Fullerton Ave	8	Winfield P. Dunn
Gardner	3	Winfield S. Allison
Garfield Boul	3	J. L. S. Hall
Grace	4	Pedro T. Tinsley
Harvey	3	Joel E. Field
Herscher	5	Rev. Thos. R. Quayle
Highland Park	8	Robt. W. Patton
Hinsdale	2	Geo. E. Fuller
Homewood	3	Wm. Cone
Hyde Park	12	Arthur H. Rugg
Immanuel	6	John H. Gatenby
Itasca	1	Edwin O. Nichols
Italian	3	Filippo Grilli
Jefferson Park	7	Wm. H. Watt
Joliet Central	10	Alfred Nash
Joliet First	7	Frank E. Marsh
Joliet, Hope	3	Herbert L. Cady
Kankakee	5	Clarence E. Holt
La Grange	5	Geo. H. Bremner
Lake Forest	8	Alfred C. Haven
Lake View	4	Dr. S. P. Hedges
Libertyville	3	A. M. Casey
Manteno	3	Edwin W. Hume
Maywood	2	Chester T. Hart
Millard Ave	5	Robert H. Ewing
Morgan Park	6	John Inglis
New Hope (Coal City)	3	James Ross
Normal Park	9	Chas. K. Luce
Oak Park	7	O. J. Prentiss
Olivet Memorial	4	Howell Isaac
Onward	1	John H. Butler
Peotone	5	William Elliott
Pullman	4	A. A. Chalcraft
Ravenswood		W. J. Pettit
Ridgeway Ave	5	Thomas E. Hogge

PRESBYTERY OF CHICAGO—Continued.

Churches.	No. Elders.	Clerks.
River Forest	5	Robt. F. Goldsmith
Riverside	4	Chandler P. Beach
Roseland	4	James Maderon
Scotch (Westminster)	4	Alexander Eanson
South Chicago	4	Walter W. Hart
" S. Tabernacle	6	E. S. Stewart
So. Waukegan	4	L. H. Bushnell
St. Anne	8	E. C. Cookins
Waukegan	4	James D. Skene
W. Division St	4	Henry B. Allen
Windsor Park	5	Raleigh Kershaw
Wilmington	4	Wm. A. Pawling
Woodlawn Park	10	Morris M. Jones
Zion (Wheeling)	3	Oltman B. Oltmans

PRESBYTERY OF FREEPORT.

Churches.	No. Elders	Clerks.
Middle Creek	3	William Bridgland
Woodstock	2	Rev. S. C. Hay
Rockford, 1st	15	Walter Morgan
Galena, 1st	4	J. S. Helm
Ridgefield	4	E. B. Smith
Zion (Schapville)	3	Rev. F. W. Bruechert
Scales Mound	3	Rev. F. W. Bruechert
Belvidere	9	H. W. Avery
Linn-Hebron	6	W. H. Groesbeck
Rockford (Westminster)	9	G. M. M. Glenn
Winnebago	4	W. I. Wells
Forreston Grove	3	Rev. H. Smith, Jr.
Freeport, 1st	8	J. H. Brockmeier
Cedarville	4	H. Richart
Freeport, 2d	2	Geo. M. Fugate
Freeport, 3d	3	William Dietrich
Oregon	4	Rev. R. H. Nye
Willow Creek (Argyle)	9	David Picken
Harvard	5	Theodore Goodnecht
Prairie Dell	1	Tele Hinders
Hanover	4	W. N. Miller
Galena (German)	3	Charles Erbe
Marengo	5	E. F. McKenney
Galena, South	5	J. G. Crooks
Warren	4	G. W. Pepoon
Apple River	3	James Charlton
Elizabeth	1	Rev. S. R. Myers
Savanna	1	E. Hammersmith
Dakota	3	H. F. Barr

PRESBYTERY OF MATTOON.

Churches	No Elders	Clerks.
Newton	4	Amos Storer
Tower Hill	4	A. A. Eller
Neoga	6	S. F. Wilson
Pana	9	M. Hasbarger
Toledo	3	K. C. Willis
Grand View	5	C. C. Clapp
Ashmore	4	C. A. Wright
Beth-H(Arcola)	2	C. F. Moore
Arcola	2	R. S. Clisby
Vandalia	4	T. N. Pitkin
Taylorville	6	J. N. Waddell
Morrisonville	4	H. J. Dey
Mattoon	7	Frank Cox
Beckwith Prairie	3	M. M. Dick
Palestine	4	E. C. Haskett
Effingham	6	H. S. Parker
Bethany	4	E. G. Spence
Assumption	7	J. W. Moore
Charleston	5	I. B. Mitchell
Kansas	4	C. A. Hite
Robinson	2	P. G. Bradbury
Oakland	5	O. L. Minter
Tuscola	5	J. R. Cantrall
Paris	6	Henry F. Nelson
Shelbyville	8	Thos. W. West
Greenup	3	J. V. Kunkel
Pleasant Prairie	4	J.T. McDonald (Lerna)
Moweaqua	3	Robt. B. Wilson
West Okaw	4	J. H. Baird (Prairie Home.)
Dalton City	2	T. J. Brown
New Providence	3	G. N. Ulrich (Paris)
Watson	1	W. M. LeCrone
Casey	4	D. G. Sturdevant
Chrisman	3	Wiley Rogers

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.

Churches	No Elders.	Clerks.
Aurora	7	Thomas B. Swan
Earlville	3	D. L. Barnard
Elgin	3	Rev. G. A. Pollock
Sandwich	6	W. W. Woodbury
Waltham	4	D. A. Bennett (Utica)
Oswego	4	Geo. M. Croushorn
Plato, 1st	4	A. H. McCormack (McQueen.)
Paw-Paw	4	Robert Pogue
Grand Ridge	5	James G. Finley
Troy Grove	2	A. C. McDowell
Streator	6	J. G. Campbell
Ottawa	3	Samuel S. Scott
Ottawa, South	7	J. T. Cooley
Morris	5	Robert R. Doherty
Waterman	4	William McFarland
Brookfield	1	J. J. Marsh
Union Grove	2	A. C. Moore
Granville	2	Robert Tutt
Mendota	6	Smiley Kirkpatrick
Rochelle	6	Cyrus J. McClymonds
Au Sable Grove	4	S. W. Johnson
Meridan	3	James McDowell
Kings	2	Charles Klein
Florid		Milton Ford (Florid)

PRESBYTERY OF PEORIA.

Churches.	No. Elders.	Clerks.
Alta	1	Rev. R. C. Townsend
Altona	6	Thos. F. Templeton
Astoria	3	J. H. Merideth
Banner		James J. McCan
Brunswick	3	Mark T. Graham
Canton	5	H. F. Suydam
Crow Meadow	2	F. N. Food
Deer Creek	3	I. W. Bogardus
Delavan	4	A. Stubbs
Elmira	6	George Rutherford
Elmwood	4	W. J. VanPatten
Eureka	6	John M. Murray
Farmington	4	John Caldwell
French Grove	2	W. E. Reed
Galesburg	12	Lee S. Pratt
Green Valley	5	S. S. Darling
Henry	5	James A. Williams
Ipava	4	Charles S. S. Barrows
John Knox	1	J. P. Milray
Knoxville	6	A. G. Charles
Lewistown	6	Oliver Rice
Limestown	2	William Taylor
Oneida	5	Martin Gehring
Peoria, 1st	10	David McKenney
Peoria, 2d	4	David McCulloch
Peoria, Ardade Ave	2	Isaac Kellar
Peoria, Bethel	4	Wm. T. Johnson
Peoria, Cavalry	6	Peter Huelsebus
Peoria, 1st G'rm'n	1	D. H. Tersen
Peoria, Grace	4	Calvin C. Lin s
Peoria, Westminister	3	P. W. Petrie
Pottstown	3	Chas. E. Miller
Princeville	4	R. F. He ry, M. D.
Prospect	4	Wm. A. Harvey
Salem	4	J. H Parr
Vermont	2	C. H. Hamilton
Washington	2	Rev. I. A. Cornelison
Yates City	5	R. J. McKeighan

PRESBYTERY OF ROCK RIVER.

Churches.	No. Elders.	Clerks.
Albany	2	R. E. Robinson
Aledo	9	J. F. Henderson
Alexis	7	A. Weed
Arlington	1	John E. Barrett
Ashton	4	O. W. Griffith
Beulah (Orion)	2	John McCandless
Buffalo Prairie	3	S. F. Burrows
Centre (Seaton)	6	J. W. Condor
Coal Valley	3	Frank Naylor
Dixon	6	John T. Laing
Edgington	3	Rev. T. R. Johnson
Fulton	4	C. N. Wheeler
Franklin Grove	2	John Blocher
Garden Plain	5	A. J. Stowell
Geneseo	4	J. F. Casebur
Hamlet	3	Prentice W. Dumbell
Keithsburg	3	J. A. Woods
Kewanee	6	W. E. Haxton
Ladd	2	F. A. Carpenter
Milan	3	G. H. Honens
Millersburg	4	G. E. Thornton
Morrison	8	L. E. Tuttle
Munson (Generseo)	3	Rev. N. W. Thornton
Newton (Erie)	5	Wm. L. Mitchell
Norwood	7	R. W. Porter
Peniel (Joy)	4	W. M. Miller
Perryton (Aledo	3	A. J. Doak
Pleasant Ridge (Milan)	2	Robert Crampton
Princeton	7	C. M. Priestley
Rock Island, (Broadway)	5	A. H. McCandless
Rock Island, Central)	6	Rev. Ira W. Allen, Jr.
Seatonville	6	Charles A. Michael
Spring Valley (Thompson)	3	H. S. Barrett
Sterling	7	Geo. M. Robinson
Viola	5	T. F. Sexton
Woodhull	5	A. A. Mackey

PRESBYTERY OF SCHUYLER.

Churches.	No. Elders.	Clerks.
Appanoose (Niota)	2	Hugh Jackson
Augusta	5	Geo. W. Worman
Bardolph	3	E. M. Knowles
Baylis	3	Joseph McCarter
Bethel (Hamilton)	4	W. R. Githen
Brooklyn	5	Jonas King
Bushnell	4	Wm. J. Fultz
Burton Memor'l	2	Simon Bricker
Camp Creek (Pen'ingt'n P't	2	J. W. Campbell (Macomb)
Camp Point	2	E. E. B. Sawyer
Carthage	6	W. E. Lyon
Clayton	5	A. S. McDowell
Chili	1	D. G. Todd
Doddsville	3	Amos Harshey
Elvaston	5	S. P. McGaw
Ebenezer (Macomb)	3	Robert McNair
Ellington	3	Harris D. Morton (Quincy)
Fairmount	1	A. L. Mart (Tempest)
Fountain Green	5	E. W. Houston
Good Hope	5	Peter Van Pelt
Hersman	5	Geo. W. Means
Huntsville	3	L. R. King
Kirkwood	7	L. E. Ohler
Liberty	3	Chas. W. Linn
Lee (Mound Sta)	3	G. T. Jennings
Macomb	9	Frank R. Warren
Monmouth	14	D. W. Hare
New Salem	3	W. H. Laird
Nauvoo 1st	4	W. M. Haggett

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Churches	No. Elders.	Clerks.
Mt. Sterling	4	F. D. Crane
Olive (Mt. Sterling)	4	W. B. Rigg
Oquawka	4	Jas. W. Gordon
Perry	2	Wm. H. Wilson
Pontoosuc	3	David Moyes
Plymouth	1	Wm. F. Ogilvie
Prairie City	4	Robert Burden
Quincy 1st	5	S. W. Phillips
Rushville	6	H. B. Roach
Salem, German (Sutter)	4	
Warsaw	0	
Wythe (Warsaw)	4	William Gray

PRESBYTERY OF SPRINGFIELD.

Churches	No. Elders.	Clerks.
Bates	4	William Kerr
Buffalo Hart	3	J. W. Richardson
Chatham	2	J. F. Chambers
Decatur	7	D. H. Heilman
Divernon	5	
Farmington	3	F. W. Boyden
Greenview	2	Charles Stone
Irish Grove	5	A. H. Stone
Jacksonville (State street)	7	J. H. Woods
Jacksonville (Westminster)	6	W. T. Brown
Jacksonville (Portuguese)	6	E. M. Vasconcellos
Lincoln	6	David Gillespie
Macon	6	C. T. Wells (Elwin, Ill)
Maroa	3	J. H. Sterling
Manchester	3	Jas. DeWolf
Mason City	5	W. I. Kincaid
Murrayville	3	J. K. Cunningham
North Sangamon (Athens)	4	R. A. Young
Pawnee	1	F. A. Partridge
Petersburg	5	H. M. Moore
Pisgah (Orleans)	4	James Holmes
Pleasant Plains	3	W. S. Hensley
Providence (Virginia)	4	J. E. Treadway
Springfield 1st	9	J. P. Bryce
Springfield, 2d	7	C. G. Gray
Springfield, 3d	7	W. H. Hayden
Springfield, Portuguese	5	J. F. Mendonsa
Sweetwater	2	John W. Terhune
Unity (Woodson)	3	Jas. W. Craig
Virginia	3	John J. Bergen
Williamsville	2	P. J. Telfer
Winchester	3	Frank Mason

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The REV. SHERMAN L. DIVINE,.....Chicago, Ill.

Temporary Clerks,

The REV. GEO. R. SMITH,.....Urbana, Ill.
The REV. C. HARMON JOHNSON,.....Chicago, Ill.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES FOR 1903-1904.

I. The Spiritual Life of The Church.

Cleland B. McAfee, Chairman.
James M. Duer,
Wm. C. Snider,
F. O. Seamans,
Frank A. Hosmer,
J. D. McCaughtry.
Arthur M. Little,
Ruben E. Fleming,
Edwin M. Clingan,
Alexander B. Morey,
John A. Blair.

II. Christian Education.

W. S. Plumer Bryan, Chairman.
Walter H. Bradley,
Geo. E. Hunt,
O. H. Carmichael,
Clifford W. Barnes,
R. S. Stevenson.
Samuel S. Cryor,
John Weston,
Garnett A. Pollock,
Wm. I. Alexander,
Wm. R. King.

Sub-Committees.

Visitors to McCormick Theological Seminary,
N. H. G. Fife, J. E. Rogers, John Weston,
Visitors to Blackburn College,
S. C. Black, J. B. Farrell, H. C. Rogers,
Visitors to Lake Forest University,
J. D. McCaughtry, Henry Cullen, D. C. Milner.

III. The Youth of The Church.

W. Francis Irwin, Chairman.
Wm. Parsons,
Frank P. Miller,
W. H. Foulkes,
A. J. Van Page.
Chas. E. Fisk.
James M. Eakins,
Harry B. Allen,
C. Harmon Johnson,
Donald K. Campbell,
Samuel C. Black.

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IV. Home Missions.

Thos. D. Logan, Chairman.
Edwin L. Lord, Sec. and Treas.
J. A. Gallaher, Alton Pres.
Willis E. Parsons, Bloomington P'y
J. W. Parkhill, Cairo Pres.
Thos. D. Wallace, Chicago Pres.
Ben Ezra Stiles Ely Jr., Freeport Pres.
B. W. Tyler, Mattoon Pres.
Edwin L. Lord, Ottawa Pres.
Alvan R. Mathes, Peoria Pres.
N. W. Thornton, Rock River P'y
S. L. Allison, Schuyler Pres.
A. B. Morey, Springfield, Pres.

V. Foreign Missions.

Wm. S. Marquis, Chairman.
Wm. L. Tarbet,
Elisha Safford,
W. D. Smith,
Thos. E. Spilman,
Philip F. Matzinger.
Chas. E. Dunn,
Edward Baech,
Garnett A. Pollock,
Benjamin Y. George,
John W. Pugh.

VI. General Church Work.

Henry K. Denlinger, Chairman,
Samuel M. Morton,
Henry K. Sanborne,
David G. Carson,
J. T. M. Knox,
Albert F. Ernst.
Duncan C. Milner,
Winfield V. Jeffries,
T. R. White,
T. H. Allen,
W. H. Mason.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES FOR 1903–1904.

On Arrangements for Next Meeting.

Rev. Geo. J. E. Richards,
Rev. Sherman L. Divine,
Rev. Edgar L. Williams,
Rev. Wm. S. Marquis,
Elder Dr. J. W. Stewart, Rock Island, Ill.
Elder S. D. Cleland, Rock Island, Ill.

On Aguadilla Church, Porto Rico.

Rev F. J. Tower. Chairman,
Rev. Edwin Harris,
Rev. M. C. Long,
Rev. L. J. Hawkins,
Rev. Wm. J. McCaughan,
Rev. Joseph M. Wright.
Rev. Motgomery May,
Rev. Geo. Dunlap,
Rev. James Benson,
Rev. Harry B. Allen,
Rev. J. F. Fetterolf.

On Educational Institutions.

Rev. Wm. S. Marquis, Chairman,
Rev. Edwin L. Lord,
Rev. Cleland B. McAfee,
Rev. Chas. M. Brown,
Rev. Arthur M. Little,
Rev. Ben-Ezra S. Ely,
Rev. James D. McCaughtry.
Rev. John A. Blair,
Rev. Henry K. Denlinger,
Rev. James W. Parkhill,
Rev. E. W. F. Holler,
Elder Nolan R. Best, Chicago.
Elder D. A. Knowlton, Freeport.
Elder J. Ross Hanna. Monmouth.

On Old People's Home.

Rev. James D. McCaughtry,
Rev. A. B. Morey,
Rev. Wm. S. Marquis,
Rev. W. F. Irwin.
Elder Geo. M. Fugate,
Elder W. O. Baker,
Elder O. S. Stowell.

On a State Governing Board.

Rev. T. D. Logan,
Rev. John H. Boyd,
Rev. E. R. Dunn.
John V. Farwell,
E. R. Ulrich,
Geo. B. Griffen,
Samuel T. Bush.

THE MINUTES OF

THE SYNOD OF ILLINOIS

IN SESSION AT SPRINGFIELD, ILL.,

OCTOBER 21, 1903.

The Synod of Illinois met according to appointment on October 20th, 1903, in the First Presbyterian Church of Springfield, Ill. and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, the Rev. E. L Lord of Ottawa Presbytery from Exodus 14:15—"Speak Unto the Children of Israel that They Go Forward." After the Sermon, the Synod was constituted with prayer by the Moderator and the Stated Clerk prepared the roll which is as follows:

THE ROLL OF SYNOD.

ALTON PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—Thos. W. Hynes, J. C. Sefton, E. W. F. Holler, J. W. Knott, L. H. Schock, H W. Marshall.

Elders—J. M. Furry, J. O. Fisher, W. H. H. West, W. H. Hart, J. R. Beale, F. P. Joy. —12

BLOOMINGTON PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—Geo. R. Smith, Geo. E. Hunt, M. C. Long, N. H. G. Fife, Chas. F. Wilson, James A. Gehrett, S. C. Black, Guy E. Smock, Wm. C. Snider, A. B. Cooper.

Elders—Geo. W. Harwood, J. W. Porter, H. P. McNair, C. C. Chaffee. —14

CAIRO PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—J. W. Parkhill, C. E. Fisk, Wm. P. Hosken, C. E. Marvin, Daniel Breeze.

Elders—W. P. Hallock, W. B. Anderson, L. B. Parsons, Luther Cooper, Dan Thomas. —10

CHICAGO PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—Edgar Beckwith, Duncan C. Milner, Geo. P. Williams, Wm. T. Reynolds, M. Bross Thomas, Louis P. Cain, Wm. M. Eaton, C. Harmon Johnson, Dubois H. Loux, Wm. J. McCaughan, W. Robson Notman, Thomas D. Wallace, Matthew B. McNutt, Samuel W. Chidester, Thomas R. Quayle, Harry C. Rogers, Jas. G. K. McClure, Augustus S Carrier, James W. MacGowan, Wm. I. Stewart, Cleland B. McAfee. W. S. Plumer Bryan, R. Keene Ryan, H. W. Burger, S. L Divine.

Elders—Leonard J Smith, Wm. M. Baker, Alexander W. Ewing, Thomas G. McCulloh, Daniel Patterson, C. R. Drake, Geo E. Newcomb, Caleb F. Wright, Chas. Hewitt, Wm. D. Messinger, Rufus S. Simmons, Robert Peel, Wm. Taylor, Sytze DeBruine, John Jeffrey, Nolan R Best, Wm. Francis. —42

FREEPORT PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—J. S. Braddock, Adolph Krebs, August Kalohn, S. R. Myers, A. J. Van Page, A. R. DesJardien, T. R. White.

Elders—Henry Temple, John Dittmar, James Charlton, Peter Greenlee, H. F. Barr. —12

MATTOON PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—John A. Blair, (2), Wm. W. Wilson, Edw. Baech, Buford W. Tyler, Edw. P. Rankin, (2), Wm. J. Caldwell.

Elders—E. R. White, Thomas Donnell, Thomas Hudson, Wm. N. Root.—10

OTTAWA PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—D. K. Campbell, J. D. McCaughtry, Edwin L. Lord, William A. Montgomery, Garnett A. Pollock.

Elders—James R. Hunt, James Boyle, T. P. Dalton, Thomas B. Swan.—9

PEORIA PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—C. T Edwards, W. H. Foulkes, Wm. H. Mason, E. A. Krapp, E. L. Williams, James Benson

Elders—J. M. Corey, Chas. N. Good, James A. Williams, Calvin C. Lines —10

ROCK RIVER PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—T. R. Johnson, C. M. Robb, R. S. Coffey, C. F. Moore, Marion Humphreys, R. D. Kearns, J. T. Fulton.

Elders—J. E. Reed, John D. Cooke, David Walker, L. E. Armstrong, E. H. Terry. —12

SCHUYLER PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—J. H. Rose, J. F. Winnard, M. P. Ormsby, G. J. E. Richards, F. J. Tower, W. H. Clatworthy.

Elders—T. G. Walker, J. E. Boden, T. R. McDonald, G. C Bartells, G. H. Kellough, W. H. Jackson. —12

SPRINGFIELD PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—Thos D. Logan, A. B. Morey, A S. Kaye, J. E. Rogers, E E Lashley, G. C Flett.

Elders—W. H Hayden, C C. Brown, J H Kincaid, Wm. Rainey, A J. Taylor, A. P. Vasconcellos —12

Number of Ministers present	89
Number of Elders present	66
Total number present	155

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

Rev. Arthur J. Brown, Synod of New York.
Rev. Charles E Edwards, Synod of Pennsylvania
Rev. S. S. Palmer, Synod of Ohio.
Rev. N. G. Lyon, Illinois Conference of M E Church.
Rev. W. M McElroy, Illinois Conference of M. E. Church.
Rev. John Pearson, Cincinnati " " " " "
Rev. Geo. W. Shields, Synod of Ohio.
Rev. W. H. Weaver, Synod of Baltimore

Rev. Edgar L. Williams of the Peoria Presbytery was elected Moderator and the Rev. Geo. R. Smith of the Bloomington Presbytery and the Rev. C. Harmon Johnson, of the Chicago Presbytery were elected temporary clerks.

The Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements presented the printed program for the proceedings of Synod which was adopted and is as follows:

PROGRAM.

Tuesday Evening, October 20, 1903.

7:30 Sermon by the Moderator.....Rev. E. L. Lord
8:30 The Synod constituted with prayer.
The roll called.
Election of Moderator and Temporary Clerks.
Program adopted and Report of Committee of Arrangements.
Adjourn with Prayer.

Wednesday Morning, October 21, 1903.

8:30 Prayer. Roll completed. Minutes read.
Corresponding members introduced to Synod.
Standing committees announced by the Moderator.
Records of the Presbyteries and papers presented and distributed to the proper committees.
Report of Stated Clerk and Treasurer.
9:00 Report on Board of Aid for Colleges.....Rev. Chauncey T Edwards, Chairman.
Address by Rev. J. G. K. McClure D. D., Pres. Board of Aid.
9:35 Report on Education.....Rev. W. S. P. Bryan, Chairman.
10:00 Reports of Visitors to Blackburn College, Lake Forest College and McCormick Theological Seminary.
Reports from Blackburn College and Lake Forest College and Schools.
11:00 Report of Special Committee on Educational Institutions.
General discussion on above reports.
12:00 Recess.

Wednesday Afternoon.

1:30 Report on Bills and Overtures.
1:40 Report of Judicial Committee.
1:50 Report on Publication and Sabbath School Work.....Rev. W. Francis Irwin, Chairman.
Discussion.
2:50 Report on Temperance.....Rev. M. R. Baer, Chairman.
Address by Wm. C. Lilley, Chairman General Assembly's Committee on Temperance.
Address by William H. Anderson Esq., Supt. of Illinois Anti-Saloon League.
3:35 Report on Foreign Missions.....Rev. W. S. Marquis
Report of Women's Foreign Mission Society.....Mrs. S. O. Loughridge, Secretary.
4:15 The Communion of the Lord's Supper.
5:00 Recess.

Wednesday Evening.

7:30 Address by Rev. Dr. Arthur J. Brown, Secretary Board of Foreign Missions.

Thursday Morning, October, 22, '03.

8:30 Devotional Services. Minutes read.
9:00 Reports of Special Committees:
On Finances.
On Minutes of the General Assembly.
On Records of Presbyteries.
9:30 Home Missions:
Report.....By Rev. Thos. D. Logan, Chairman.
Treasurer's Report.....By Rev. E. L. Lord, Chairman
Women's Home Mission Report.....Mrs. C. W. Robinson, President.
Discussion.
11:00 Report of work among the Freedmen.....W. B. Rundle, Chairman.
Address.....by Rev .Dr. W. H. Weaver, Fullerton, Md., Representative of Board.
11:30 Report on Church Erection.
12:00 Recess.

Thursday Afternoon.

1:30 Report on Sabbath Observance.....Thos. W. Hynes, Chairman.
2.00 Report on Systematic Beneficence.....D. G. Carson, Chairman.
2:20 Report on Pastorates and Vacancies.....A. R. Bickenbach Chairman.
2:50 Report on Ministerial Relief.....Wm. C. Snider, Chairman.
3:10 Report on the Work of Young People's Societies.....C. C. Miller, M. D., Chairman.
3:30 Narrative of the State of Religion.....F. O. Seamans, Chairman.
3:50 Memorial of Rev. D. S. Johnson D. D.....Rev. E. H. Curtis.
4:00 Miscellaneous.
4:30 Place of next meeting and committee of arrangements appointed.
4:35 Report of Committee on Attendance and Absence.
4:45 Calling of Roll.
5:00 Recess.

Thursday Evening.

7:30 Address on Home Missions.....Mr. John Willis Baer, Ass't Sec. of H. M. Board.
Address by Dr. S. S. Palmer, Columbus, O., of Gen. Ass. Com. on Evangelistic Work.
Resolutions of Thanks.
The Synod adjourns.

The Synod then adjourned with prayer until 8:30 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Wednesday Morning, 8:30 o'clock.

Synod met and was opened by prayer by the Moderator.

The Minutes of last evening were read and approved.

The roll was completed.

The Moderator announced the following standing committees:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Vice Moderator—W. S. P. Bryan.

BILLS AND OVERTURES.

E. L. Lord, N. H. G. Fife, Wm. J McCaughan, T. R Johnson, A. B. Morey, L. B. Parsons, T. G. McCullogh.

JUDICIAL.

Geo. P. Williams, C T. Edwards, A. J Van Page, J. W. Parkhill, Geo. W. Harwood, William Baker, C C Brown.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

G. A. Pollock, William H. Foulkes, Edgar Beckwith, H. H. West, J. H. Boden.

FINANCE AND TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

S. C. Black, W. H. Hayden, R. S. Simmons.

ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCE.

H. W. Burger, J. D. McCaughtry, E. A. Krapp, R. W. Tyler, Daniel Patterson.

RECORDS OF PRESBYTERIES.

ALTON.

M. C. Long, Daniel Breeze, John Dittmar.

BLOOMINGTON.

D. K. Campbell, E. W. F. Holler, James Carrollton.

CAIRO.

R. S. Coffey, G. E. Smock, T. B. Swan.

CHICAGO

Geo. E. Hunt, C. T Edwards, William Root.

FREEPORT.

A. S. Carrier, William A. Montgomery, W. P. Hallock.

MATTOON.

E. H. Curtis, G. C. Flett, James Boyle.

OTTAWA.

L. P Cain, Edwin A. Krapp, G. C. Bartells.

PEORIA.

H. C. Rodgers, A. R. DesJardien, Robert Peel.

ROCK RIVER.

T. R. White, C. E. Marvin, W. H. Hart.

SCHUYLER.

T. R. Quayle, S. S. Myers, H. F. Barr.

SPRINGFIELD.

J. D. McCaughtry, Willliam I. Stewart, Peter Greenlee.

The Stated Clerk presented the papers in his hands addressed to the Synod, which were referred to their appropriate committees.

The Stated Clerk presented his report which was received and having been amended was adopted as follows:

Report of Stated Clerk.

The Stated Clerk respectfully reports:

1. That he has received from the retiring Stated Clerk, Rev. D. S. Johnson, D D., eleven volumes of bound mss. Records as follows:

Records of the Synod of Illinois				(N. S.)	from	1831-1855.
"	"	"	"	(N. S.)	"	1856-1869,
"	"	"	"	(O. S.)	"	1838-1856,
"	"	"	"	(O. S.)	"	1856-1869,
"	"	"	"	North	"	1870-1881,
"	"	"	"	Central	"	1870-1881,
"	"	"	"	South	"	1870-1881,
"	"	"	"		"	1882-1883,
"	"	"	Peoria	(N. S.)	"	1843-1859,
"	"	"	"	(N. S.)	"	1860-1869,
"	"	"	Chicago	(O. S.)	"	1856 1869.

He has also received the official printed volumes of the Records of Illinois Synod 1882-1901. A number of duplicate copies of the printed volumes have also been received.

2. That he has received the statistical reports from the Presbyteries, and he recommends:
   1. That these statistical reports be placed in the appendix of the Minutes.
   2. That he be authorized to secure, if possible, and have bound two sets of the printed records of Synod.
   3. That beginning with the volume for 1902 the pages be numbered consecutively for five years that they may be bound into one volume.
   4. That a committee of five be appointed by the Moderator to prepare for adoption a plan whereby less time of Synod may be occupied in hearing reports, and more time may be given for the discussion of matters of importance to the Synod.

The Stated Clerk offered an overture to the General Assembly proposing that the Stated Clerks of Synod shall not be compelled to record the names of commissioners who are absent from the meeting of Synod. The overture was referred to the committee on Bills and Overtures.

The Rev. C. T. Edwards presented the report of the Committee on Aid for Colleges and Academies, and after an address by the Rev. J. G. K. McClure, President of that board, the report with its recommendations was adopted as follows:

Report of Committee on Aid for Colleges and Academies.

The Board of Aid for Colleges, which is just twenty years old, is today the most prominent of our Boards. Youngest of all, nearly the smallest in income, and alas! remotest in popular interest, it is just now the representative of our greatest need and the center of our largest movement. The recent Los Angeles Assembly, like its predecessor, resolved that instead of the pitiful $49,000 which the Board received from the churches, they should have this year $150,000; they also recommended the next Assembly to devote one entire evening to the whole question of our college work; and they entered on a plan to raise $12,000,000 for college endowment in three years. A few obvious reasons justify this prominence of the College Board, and demand the earnest attention of this meeting of Synod.

1. First is the general and pressing need of a liberal education which is positively Christian. This is the mainstay of a republic which is built on the Presbyterian principle of representation, and which swarms with politicians who are ephemeral but powerful. Bryce has said that our greatest men are not made presidents. It is our duty (using Lord Sherbrooke's phrase) to "educate our rulers;" or, as Lowell put it broadly, "to maintain higher ideals of life and its purpose, to keep trimmed and burning the lamps of that pharos, built by wiser than we, which warns from the reefs and shallows of popular doctrine." President Eliot declares that our race has not been able to educate its rulers in the grammar schools. Sir Norman Lockyer, a few weeks ago in his presidential address to the British Association, used these words of Great Britain: "Our position as a nation, our success as merchants, are in peril, chiefly—dealing with preventable causes—because of our lack of completely efficient universities and our neglect of research;" and he appeals for a new endowment for Britain's "brain power" equal to the budget for her "sea power," $120,000,000. A Cornell professor in a public address testifies that the college man in the twentieth century would have more responsibility and the non-collegian less opportunity than in any previous century; and President Thwing shows that the chances for a collegian's suc-

cess in life now are as 403 to 1 for the non-collegian. We might not need this familiar argument if our men were not overwhelmed with industrialism, too busy to read books; if secularism were not growing; if we were entirely sure of Christian instruction in our shifting homes and in our enlarging universities; or if Bible study were more common and more conservative. But if once young secularists are university-trained and university-led, our Christian future is not worth much.

2. The Board of Aid deals with small colleges, and the small college is to most of our youth indispensable. If it is true, as the Assembly's standing committee asserts, that the average student does not go more than fifty miles for his education; if President Hyde's epigram is correct, that "the student will go through more college at the large school, but more college will go through him at the small;" if education consists now and always in the contact with great personalities rather than with great libraries and laboratories; and if the candidates for our ministry (still too few for our needs) come mostly from small and Christian institutions; then the Board of Aid needs what it asks, the immediate help of the whole church, and three times what it has ever received. We have little reason to be proud of our church's recent record in this matter. Heretofore our influence has been far beyond our numbers, because we have been called a college-loving church. Our polity is really an educational system, and can be best worked by liberally trained men. Our services, and especially our sermons, will be mightily weakened by any decline in local intelligence, and correspondingly helped by education. Yet the Board shows in the striking diagrams that we all have seen, that we are the lowest in college work of the four great denominations in the West. This is a new positon for us to hold before Baptists, Congregationalists, and Methodists. The Board says in its report, "It is believed that our church fairly equals or surpasses other great denominations in all lines of church activity excepting college work alone. Of all denominations the one which most strenuously insists upon its need of higher education for its prosperity, if not for its life, it is the one which in provision for the higher education of its youth is farthest in the rear!" "It is noticeable that our deficiency in instructors and students is in nearly stable ratio to our lack of average annual income." "Only money is lacking, and our church has it."

3. Moved by such considerations, twenty-one Presbyteries—all but one in the central west—some western college presidents, and the directors of McCormick Theological Seminary, presented various overtures and memorials to the last Assembly, urging an immediate movement to better endow our colleges, especially in the west. Accordingly the Assembly appointed a commission of distinguished ministers and elders, making the moderator, Dr. Coyle, the chairman, to secure in the next three years $12,000,000 for college endowment. This commission is just organizing its campaign. Dr. Coyle in a letter says: "We shall ask our brethren in the various synods

and Presbyteries to present the cause from the platform and I am sure if in your state the moderator of the synod could take the field and deliver addresses upon the imperative need of Christian education the effect of it would be decidedly good and would greatly assist us in our work."

It would seem that this ought to appeal peculiarly to Illinois. This Board is our Board. Its economy, zeal, and ability to do great things with small means, are appropriate to our great western metropolis and an honor to it. We are in the heart of the Board's field. We shall benefit specially by its work,—and the more if, as an educator of continental experience said lately, the materialism of the country centers in the middle West. The churches of our Synod gave last year to the Board $4,711 (though private gifts largely increased this) and 175 churches gave nothing. We might profitably begin a campaign for the Board with the assurance that there was a good chance of largely increasing our interest in the cause.

We have received a statement from the Dean of Blackburn college which shows a discouraging outlook for that institution, and which deserves the particular attention of Synod, rather than our mere customary endorsement. We record with sorrow the death of two members of the Board, Rev. Dr. F. L. Ferguson of St. Louis, and our own Dr. Chas. S. Hoyt, the beloved pastor of the Oak Park church. We note also the retirement from the presidency of the Board of the Rev. Herrick Johnson, D. D., LL. D., after many years of service. Out of a great experience as a pastor, a professor, and a leader of the whole church, he has given ungrudgingly an invaluable assistance in times of crisis and depression as well as of prosperity, and must be followed in his well-earned release by the thanks of the whole church. The Board has appropriately chosen as his successor the Rev. Jas. G. K. McClure, D. D., of Lake Forest, who needs no introduction here as a man well fitted to lead this Board in what promises to be a new and larger epoch of usefulness.

We recommend the following action:

1. We recomend the Board of Aid for Colleges to all our churches for its wise economy, foresight and zeal, and we urge all our ministers in charge of churches to preach a special sermon and take a church offering during the coming year, as well as to encourage individual subscriptions.

2. We recommend that the moderator during the coming year deliver addresses in churches of all our Presbyteries on the needs of higher Christian education, in harmony with the plans of the Board of Aid and the Commission on College Endowment, and that the Stated Clerk together with the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries be a committee of arrangements therefor; with the earnest hope that our people may be roused as never before to the claims of this cause.

Respectfully submitted,

C. T. EDWARDS, Chairman.

Rev. Arthur J. Brown of the Synod of New York and the Rev. Chas. E. Edwards of the Synod of Pennsylvania, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The Rev. W. S. P. Bryan presented the report of the Committee on Education which was received and its recommendations considered seriatim and adopted as follows:

Report of the Committee on Education.

The Committee on Education would respectfully report that it has diligently inquired for those signs of a revived interest in this vital cause which might naturally be looked for as the result of the action taken by Synod within the last few years. The standard of comparison is the year 1896, when the number of candidates in the Church at large was 1,508, and the number under the Board was 1,100. There has been since then a steady decline which has not yet been arrested and the total number now is 779, of which 612 are receiving aid through the Board. The number under the Board, however, shows an increase of 40 within the last year. Of the whole number of candidates, there is an increase of 54 in 12 Synods, and a decrease of 85 in 15 Synods. Our twelve Seminaries had last year 636 students, a decline of 285 since 1896, and 155 graduates, a decline of 132 since 1896. In our Synod, the latest reports from the Presbyteries show 39 candidates, an increase over last year of 2. As an offset to this great decline in the number of candidates it may be noted that the contributions of our churches show a much smaller decline, the total for last year of $3,014 being only $700 less than in 1896, and at the same time being $700 more than was needed for the scholarships of the 24 candidates who received the aid of the Church through the Board.

The report of the Board of Education to the Assembly is interesting because of the information it gives concerning the education of men adapted to work among our exceptional populations, such as the Bohemians, the Germans, the Negroes, the Mexicans and the Indians of our country, the growing importance of which must impress itself upon the Synod. Your committee, however, feels that Synod might wisely fix its attention anew upon the decline of the number of candidates from which must be drawn the ministry of our own churches. The very fact that there is nothing encouraging to report, should stimulate us to increased endeavor. The apathy which has crept into our churches and according to their own statements, has affected some of our ministers, ought to be analyzed. If it indicates a higher stage of Christian progress, we may rejoice in it; if it shows a decline in our conception of the nature and function of the sacred calling, we must resist it; and if it marks a confusion of the many complex questions which are involved, it is becoming that we endeavor to extricate ourselves therefrom.

Your committee is inclined to think that the waning interest in this

cause is due mainly to the last reason, and to prove this it is only needful to single out the various questions which are tangled together, such as:

1. The claims of the ministry, as against the attractions of a commercial or a professional life, and even as against a life of Christian activity in some other sphere than the ministry. The records show that a number of our candidates disappear from the rolls because, having made a good beginning, they are overcome with the attraction of some other life. In one of our Presbyteries at a recent meeting, six candidates were dropped, three of whom have engaged in commercial life, two of whom have given themselves to teaching, and some of whom have been unheard from. The question arises, whether the Church is making the call to her ministry clear and loud. If she is not, and at the same time teaching her candidates to resist the attractions of a secular life, she is herself largely responsible for the decline.

2. The imperfect distribution of our working force in the ministry, results in a congestion at the centers, and a destitution in the needy places of the Church. It is this congestion which gives rise to the impression that we have too many ministers. Vacancies nearby the large cities, are eagerly sought after, and many disappointments arise in consequence. Gray-haired men feel discouraged by reason of their years, and the man of moderate gifts begins to suspect that there is no place for him in the Church. All of this, however, is due to the unequal distribution of men. In one of our missions in India alone, there is a call for 35 men and 30 women. In one Presbytery alone in the west there was recently a demand for 6 men. The synodical missionaries of the western Synods seek in vain for men to fill their needy and promising fields. The cry of too many ministers ceases as soon as the needs of the Church as a whole are taken account of, and the real effects of the decline will appear as soon as the working force of the Church is distributed, and the real lack of men is thus made to appear.

3. The educational atmosphere of the day vitally affects our young men. The inclination for technical rather than classical courses, the substitution of elective for required systems, and the tendency to shorten the period of collegiate study, manifest in leading institutions, like Harvard, all have their influence upon the young men who have before them the thorough course of study prescribed by the Church. More than this, the development of state institutions with their fine equipment and their social attractions has affected our young men, and with this has come inevitably a lowered interest in the ministry. Eight state universities, among them such as Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin, whose students number into the thousands, have, according to the report of the Board of Education, only 10 candidates, all told, while single colleges, such as Coe in Iowa, Hamilton in New York, and Lafayette in Pennsylvania, have each of them 10, and McAlaster in Minnesota, Wooster in Ohio, and Princeton in New Jersey, have more than 10 each. We cannot expect our young men to resist the effect of educational at-

mosphere upon them, and it behooves the Church to provide for her candidates through the development of her own institutions an atmosphere congenial to vital religion and to the Christian ministry.

These are only a few of the questions which are involved in the decline in the number of candidates. That decline cannot be arrested until some relief has been afforded in these directions, and this relief will only come when the Church asserts for the Christian ministry the value which the Scripture places upon it, and which in the previous ages of her history has been fully recognized. She must declare aloud that there is no calling so highly honored of God; that there is no lack of places for faithful and devoted ministers; that education for the ministry involves much more than mere secular culture. These familiar truths must be proclaimed afresh, if not upon the housetops, yet from the pulpits, the platforms and the lecture rooms of our churches and schools. Young men must be sought out individually, and the issue fairly presented to them, their difficulties met, their course marked out, and their progress encouraged. If the members of our Synod will unite in such efforts as these, we will have done our part to arrest this decline and the whole tone of our ministry will be improved. To this end, the following resolutions are respectfully submitted:

1. That pastors be requested as heretofore, to present the claims of the ministry from their pulpits, and to deal openly with the current objections thereto, and for the purpose of developing the interest of the people, it is recommended that this subject be chosen for meetings of prayer and conference, both in the church and in the young peoples' society.

2. That the Presbyteries in the bounds of which are located the various colleges and universities of the state are requested to secure, if possible, an opportunity for the presentation of this cause to the students of these colleges, especially on the day of prayer.

3. That elders and pastors be urged to scan their congregations well to discover if possible young men to whom the claims of the ministry may be presented and to encourage those who are evidently called of God to undertake this work.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. S. PLUMER BRYAN, CHAIRMAN.

The Rev. W. H. Foulkes reported for the Committee on Visitation to Blackburn University, calling attention to the following table which his committee had prepared:

In October, 1902, the Board of Aid for Colleges authorized Blackburn to solicit the offerings of the churches in six Presbyteries, promising credit in the Board's report. The following is the exhibit to April 1, 1903:

Presbytery.	No Churches	Non-contributing.	Contributing to Board		Contributing to Blackburn		Sent Elsewhere	
			No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount
Alton	49	27	22	$266 95	16	$147.16	6	$119.79
Bloomington	54	25	29	303.65	7	134 07	22	169.58
Mattoon	34	18	16	130 92	8	85.14	8	45.78
Peoria	38	19	19	206.36	5	48.66	14	157.70
Schuyler	41	19	22	178 95	2	24.20	20	154.75
Springfield	33	19	14	283.38	9	229.53	5	59.85
Total	249	127	122	$1,376.21	46	$668.76	75	$707.45

Since April, 1903, 29 churches out of 249 have sent in $174 36.

What has your church done?

What will your church do?

The Rev. C. E. Dunn reported for the Committee on Visitation to Lake Forest College, and Rev. Henry Cullen for the Committee on Visitation to the McCormick Theological Seminary.

The reports were received and the committees discharged.

By direction of Synod, the Moderator announced the following committees on Visitation for the coming year:

To visit McCormick Seminary, Rev. N. H. G. Fife, Rev. J. E. Rogers, and Rev. John Weston.

To visit Blackburn University, Rev. S. C. Black, Rev. J. B. Farrell and Rev. H. C. Rogers.

To visit Lake Forest College, Rev. J. D. M. Caughtry, Rev. Henry Cullen and Rev. D. C. Milner.

The Moderator announced the following committee to take under consideration a plan whereby less time of Synod may be occupied in hearing the reports and more time given to discussion of matters of chief importance to the Synod, according to the fourth recommendation in the report of the Stated Clerk already adopted:

Revs. W. S. P. Bryan, T. D. Logan, E. L. Lord, Geo. J. E. Richards, and Elders G. W. Harwood and L. B. Parsons.

The Rev. E. L. Lord presented the report of the Committee on Educational Institutions of the Synod, which was received.

Discussion on the report was deferred until 1:30 this afternoon as a special order of the day.

The Rev. W. H. Bradley, Acting President of Blackburn University and the Rev. Richard D. Harlan, President of Lake Forest College, addressed the Synod concerning the work of their institutions.

An address on the work of the American Tract Society by the Rev.

Geo. W. Shields was made the second order for the afternoon.

The Rev. J. G. K. McClure offered the following resolution on the resignation of the Rev. Herrick Johnson as President of the Board of Aid for Colleges and Academies, which was adopted:

The Synod of Illinois having heard officially of the resignation by the Rev. Herrick Johnson, D. D., L. L. D. of the Presidency of the Board of Aid for Colleges and Academies, desire to express to him their grateful appreciation of the splendid service he has done the church in bringing about the creation of the Board and in securing its development and success. The Synod send to him their affectionate greetings, congratulate him on the prosperity of the twenty years of his presidency and assure him of their deep and increasing interest in the Board that is so dear to his heart.

The Committee of Arrangements presented the following order for the administration of the Lord's Supper this afternoon, which was adopted:

The Rev. N. H. G. Fife to preside and administer the Bread, the Rev. T. W. Hynes to administer the Cup. The following Elders to serve the table: To distribute the Bread: J. O. Fisher, G. C. Bartells, L. B. Parsons, Wm. D. Messinger, Peter Greenlee, E. R. White. To distribute the Wine: J. R. Hunt, Chas. N. Good, T. G. Walker, T. G. McCulloh, Wm. Rainey, Chas. R. Drake.

After prayer, Synod took recess until 1:30 p. m.

WEDNESDAY, 1:30 P. M.

Synod met and was opened with prayer by the Rev. G. E. Smock.

The Rev. S. S. Palmer of the Synod of Ohio was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Rev. E. L. Lord reported for the Committee on Bills and Overtures. The report was received and its recommendations considered seriatim.

Recommendation 1—That the overture from the Synod of Minnesota on the Board of Ministerial Relief be referred to the Committee on Ministerial Relief, was adopted.

Recommendation 2—That the following overture be forwarded to the General Assembly, was adopted.

OVERTURE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

The Synod of Illinois respectfully overtures the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in the U. S. A. to give a deliverance exempting all delegated bodies from giving the names of absentee delegates, for the following reasons:

1. It has not been the custom of such bodies to record such names in the past.
   (1) Presbyteries record the names of churches not represented, but not of Elders who do not appear.
   (2) Delegated Synods record the names of Presbyteries not represented, but not of Ministers or Elders who do not appear. And yet occasionally the General Assembly takes exception to Synods that are delegated for not recording the names of absent delegates.
   Synods that are composed "of all the bishops and an elder from each congregation in its district," while recording names of ministers absent, do not record names of absent elders but of churches not represented.
   (3) The General Assembly records the names of Presbyteries not represented, but not of Commissioners who fail to be present.
2. The equitable recording of absent delegates is impracticable.
   (1) The delegated body does not know whether Principal or Alternate is responsible for incomplete delegation, and therefore does not know which name to record as absent.
   (2) Sometimes Presbyteries arrange FOR ANY ONE of the alternates to take the place of ANY principal as the Clerk of Presbytery may arrange. Then the Synod has no means of knowing who is responsible for the delegation not being full.
3. We believe the name of the body "not represented" is the name that should be recorded, instead of the absent delegate appointed to represent it.
   (1) This is the usual custom.
   (2) It alone is practicable.
   (3) The body appointing delegates is alone responsible for a full delegation to the higher body, while it may call to account those who fail to represent it when appointed.
4. We seriously question whether the General Assembly in taking exception to delegated Synods (as of that of Illinois in 1899 Min. p 130, ex. 2) for not recording the names of absent delegates has thoroughly considered the differences between Synods composed "of all the bishops and an elder from each congregation in its district," and Synods composed "of equal delegations of bishops and elders, elected by the presbyteries," in that
   (1) In mode of composition the former is a larger presbytery, while the latter is a smaller General Assembly.
   (2) The ministers in the former are responsible, regarding their attendance immediately to the Synod, and in the latter case to the presbyteries appointing them.

Recommendation 3—To record the action of the Presbyteries regarding general rules for Home Missions and rules on Pastorates and Vacancies, was adopted as follows: Six Presbyteries, viz. Bloomington, Cairo, Freeport, Ottawa, Rock River and Springfield adopted the General Rules for Home Missions. Five Presbyteries, viz. Alton, Chicago, Mattoon, Peoria and Schuyler did not adopt them.

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Recommendation 4—That the representative of the American Bible Society be granted the privilege of addressing the Synod on the Society's work, was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Educational Institutions was taken up and the Rev. C. B. McAfee addressed the Synod.

The order of the day was announced and the report of the Committee on Educational Institutions was placed on the docket as unfinished business.

The Rev. W. F. Irwin presented the report of the Committee on Publication and Sabbath School work.

The report was received and the Rev. W. R. Notman addressed the Synod; also the Rev. Chas. E. Edwards representing indirectly the work of the Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work.

The resolutions were then considered seriatim and adopted as follows:

Publication and Sabbath School Work.

Your committee on Publication and Sabbath School Work would present the following report:

This Board, as usual, presents a record of gratifying activity and achievement. The sales for the year in books and tracts were $242,621.28; in periodicals, $315,368.53. The net profits of the year were $29,514.13. Of this sum two-thirds, or $19,676.09, have been placed to the credit of the Sabbath School and Missionary Fund, in accordance with the direction of the General Assembly. The remaining third, or $9,838.04, has been added to the capital. In consequence of this addition the capital is now reported as $240,185.84.

These figures are noted in order to show that the business department of our Board is conducted upon large and successful lines. Further evidence is given by the Editorial Department. 1,851,347 copies of books and tracts, and 45,692,191 copies of periodicals, together with 7,800 copies of the Annual Report make an aggregate of 47,551,338 publications for the year.

Besides a large number of select publications, attention is called to the volumes already issued of the "Presbyterian Pulpit" series, which has found favor not only with Presbyterians but with many readers of other branches of Christ's Church. Too much cannot be said of the excellent papers and lesson-helps, prepared with marked care and wisdom. It seems a pity that any church in our Synod should patronize other publishing houses with inferior works for the sake of saving a small amount in cost.

This has been a peculiarly happy and prosperous year for the Sabbath School and Missionary Department of the Board. Back of the array of statistics which must necessarily be dull is seen the most vital and hopeful effort of the church—the training of the young in the things of Christ. Your Committee need offer no apologies for aggrandizing its particular sphere, nor for rhapsodizing over the beauties and possibilities of the spring-time of life. To every thoughtful worker in His field it is an obvious fact that the future of the church is in the Sabbath School and among the young outside of regular ecclesiastical control. Like other obvious truths, re-iteration is necessary. The signs all point to a new and thoroughly trained interest in this field. But the signs also indicate lamentable failure to seize opportunities and realize possibilities.

A few figures will show something of the results gained:

		GAIN	LOSS
No. of Schools	8,207	179	
No. of Officers and Teachers	118,182	2,805	
No. of Scholars	964,460	12,265	
Total Membership	1,082,642	15,070	
Average Attendance	633,741		9,506
No. of New Teachers and Scholars	93,974		
No. of Members of Home Department	65,890	6,177	
Total Membership	1,148,442	21,247	
Received into the Church	36,758		2,650
Contribution to Boards	$216,378		
Contributions to Self-support	$532,397		

On page 31 of the Annual Report the statement is made that 39,398 were received into the church, an increase of over 10,000 above the number of the preceding year. This does not agree with the figures above taken from the Minutes, which show a loss of 2,650. As the increase agrees exactly with the report of 1902 it is to be understood that the loss account is correct; and this is certainly a surprising and distressing showing in these days of evangelistic fervor.

The Synod of Illinois is exhibited in the following:

		GAIN		LOSS
Schools	490	3		
Officers and Teachers	8,369	279		
Scholars	68,838	513		
Total Membership	77,207	792		
Average Attendance	47,281	236		
Membership of Home Department	5,067			438
Grand Total Membership	82,274	354		
Received into Church	2,392			1,223
Contributions to this Board	$6,405.00		$168.94	

The comparatively new work of the Normal Department has enlisted about 15,000 members. The object of the movement is two-fold: the training of teachers for the Sabbath School and the promotion of broader Bible study by those of our young people who are intelligent and studious. The *Westminster Normal Quarterly* furnishes valuable aid in solving that most difficult and vital of all Sabbath School questions—How is the teacher to be instructed and trained for the work? If the weak point in our whole system were pointed out, it would be this, the lack of *trained* consecration. Teachers' classes and Normal courses once heartily adopted by pastors and leaders would go a long way toward a removal of many of the discouraging obstacles in the growth of our schools.

The missionary efforts of our Board have been highly encouraging. This work has been prosecuted within the bounds of 25 Synods and 93 Presbyteries, located in 32 states and territories and also in the city of Havana, Cuba. The missionaries number 108—an increase of 11 over the preceding year. There were organized 1,047 new schools, and re-organized 363—1,410 in all with an aggregate membership of 44,623 scholars and 4,876 teachers; total, 49,499. 1,704 known conversions are reported. In our Synod Mr. G. V. Albertson labors in the Presbyteries of Springfield and Peoria. Under his care are 19 schools with a membership of 867. 25 conversions are reported as the result of his work.

Heretofore your committee has been forced to go over and over the same lines of work. This year a new and broad field has been opened; new and heavy responsibilities laid upon the Board by the 115th General Assembly. Patriotism and religion call for more effective methods of reaching the 900,000 immigrants of last year, and the 11,000,000 persons of foreign birth in our land. The Government investigations of recent months show that the majority of the new arrivals belong to the class labelled "undesirable"—that is, people whose traditions, customs, ideals, and ancestry are so different from ours that it will be especially difficult to transform them into American citizens. How great a change has taken place in the character of our immigration may be seen from the statement that prior to the year 1890 nearly 13,000,000 out of 15,427,657 immigrants were from desirable nations—England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Germany, France, Norway, Sweden, etc. To-day more than one-half of them come from the regions

where illiteracy is greatest—Southern Italy, Austria, Russia, Poland, etc.

To reach and care for these myriads who have come to our doors the Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work has been instructed to revive the old fashioned system of colportage; to publish and distribute Christian and Presbyterian literature in foreign languages to counteract the anarchistic, socialistic and irreligious tendencies of a population that is becoming a national peril. The colporteur will speak the language of the people among whom he labors and will bear Bibles and tracts in the tongues of the immigrants. The vast importance of this work and the magnitude of the need are clearly apparent to all. Pastors and superintendents should give careful study to this subject. It has a three-fold missionary relation: It has a bearing upon foreign missions, upon home missions nationally considered, and upon local church work in behalf of the foreigners of the immediate neighborhood. We need $20,000 this year to inaugurate this colportage work and this must all come as special offerings, for we cannot spare this sum from our Sunday School Missionary Fund, nor can we afford to have $20,000 of the amount contributed for Sabbath School missionaries diverted for colportage work. The General Assembly has suggested Rally Day as an occasion for the presentation of this cause and the gathering of funds for its prosecution. The reflex influence of enthusiastic co-operation by our Sabbath School officials will be immeasurable. The Board will gladly supply leaflets and collection envelopes for schools and literature for distribution among foreign element in your own vicinity.

The benevolent and missionary work and spirit of the Sabbath Schools would be greatly increased if the churches did more for the support of the schools. The tables above show that over twice as much money was spent in self-support as was contributed to the Boards. By this an opportunity of education in giving and in broad observation of the movements in the Kingdom was lost.

Our Sabbath Schools are doing far too little in the matter of bringing in new scholars. IT IS AN ABSOLUTE NECESSITY THAT EVERY SCHOOL MAKE A SYSTEMATIC AND DETERMINED EFFORT TO INCREASE ITS MEMBERSHIP THIS YEAR. Let a committee be appointed in every school to look up new scholars; to bring in those who do not attend any Sabbath School, and to look after delinquents. Only in this way can our present position in Sabbath School work be maintained.

Let it again be emphasized that over one-half the additions to our church come directly from the Sabbath School, not from great evangelistic campaigns among adults. And any one acquainted with the results of large revivals knows that the best harvest is that which comes from the seed sown in the Sabbath Schools. Gain the children for Christ, the future is safe; lose the children, and not all the machinery of missions and evangelistic committees can repair the ruin of the church.

Your committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. That all our Sabbath Schools be urged to observe the special days suggested by the Board, viz., Children's Day, Rally Day, and Decision Day with appropriate exercises and liberal offerings to the Missionary Fund and to the Colportage Work.

2. That Churches be urged to make an annual contribution to promote the work of Sabbath School missions.

3. That churches be urged to do more toward the support of their own schools in order to allow children and young people the privilege and opportunity of learning the grace of giving to something beyond self-support.

4. That the evangelistic desires and strength of our churches, newly awakened, be turned with greater force upon the work of instructing the young and leading them to accept and confess Christ as their personal Saviour.

5. That our Synod express hearty appreciation of the faithful labors of Mr. H. S. Elliott, for many years the head of the Board's Depository in Chicago, and sincere regret that circumstances have caused him to sever the pleasant relations that have existed between him and the churches and Sabbath Schools of Illinois.

6. That our Synod recognize with gratitude to God that twenty-five years of consecrated effort have been rounded out by our beloved Superintendent and faithful servant of Christ and the church, the Rev. J. A. Worden, D. D., and that hereby we express our appreciation of his labors and our prayers for the Father's richest blessing upon him and his future work.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Committee.

W. FRANCIS IRWIN, CHAIRMAN.

The Rev. E. L. Lord gave the following notice:

The Committee appointed by the Synod today on a change of program for the meetings of Synod, gives notice that it proposes introducing tomorrow amendments to the Standing Rules, to completely reorganize the number, names, and duties of the permanent committees of the Synod; also to add the Moderator to the Committee on Arrangements, and to make other changes that may be necessary to accomplish the purposes for which the Committee was appointed.

The Rev. N. G. Lyon and the Rev. W. N. McElroy of the Illinois Conference of the M. E. church, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The Rev. G. W. Shields, representing the American Tract Society, then addressed the Synod, and Elder C. C. Brown offered the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the Synod having heard the report of the American Tract Society, the following action was taken:

(1) The Synod, rejoicing over the long continued and increasing usefulness of the American Tract Society, cordially commends its appeal for gifts to remove the mortgage debt upon its building, so as to insure a permanent endowment; expresses again our high estimate of its aid to Foreign Missions by the printing in 158 languages or dialects, of its colportage among exceptional classes including the immigrants, of its timely and abundant provision of literature in their several languages and also for our Spanish speaking people, and of its liberal grants of the same for the use of our pastors and other Christian workers.

(2) The Synod also recommends according to the last action of the General Assembly (minutes 1903, p. 129) "that each Presbytery appoint a standing committee on its work and that our several churches be urged to make an annual offering for it."

Part 1 of the Recommendation was approved and Part 2 was referred to the Committee on Method of Business of the Synod, appointed this morning.

In the absence of Chairman of the Committee on Temperance, the Rev. T. R. Quayle read the following report, which was received and pending its consideration, Mr. Wm. H. Anderson, Sup't. of the Illinois Anti- Saloon League, addressed the Synod, after which the recommendations of the report were adopted.

Report of the Committee on Temperance.

Having been admonished to brevity, your Committee would speak briefly as follows:

The cause of temperance seems to your committee to be sufferring quite as much from the apathy of its friends as from the determined resistance of its enemies, and the church at the present rate is destined to a fearful account for its sins of omission in the matter of its tardy dealing with the liquor traffic. Through this lethargic condition the mastery of this tremendous iniquity, is to say the least a very much delayed achievement. In proof of this we only need cite first, the continued neglect of the many churches of our Synod to organize for any effective work, notwithstanding repeated admonitions to this end, and, second, the meagre amount annually contributed by the Synod and for that matter by the whole church for the work of the standing committee on Temperance, the last amount reported being the very insignificant sum of $2180.02, less than 28 cents to the individual church.

While these facts minister to discouragement, it is encouraging to note that the committees of the various Presbyteries have been prompt and faithful

in the performance of any duties devolving upon them. One great encouragement, however, which it seems fitting to mention here. is the signal success attending the efforts of the Anti-Saloon League of our state, in the effort to secure the passage of the local option bill in the last legislature Though the passage of the bill was not secured, points were gained which were almost a surprise to the most sanguine advocates of the bill, and which being gained, seem to warrant the passage of the bill in a couple of years hence. The way that effort struck terror to the hearts of the liquor hosts is made plain by an expression of President Galvin of the Illinois Liquor Dealers' Protective Association, in his annual address before the Association assembled in Quincy only a few days ago. "This", said he, referring to their efforts against the Local Option Bill, "was without doubt the hardest fight that this Association has ever had to contend with. Opposed by a united army numbering 100,000 fanatics, officered and generaled by a host of wandering preachers with a fund scraped together of between sixty and seventy thousand dollars, it is a wonder to me that a large number of us were not ruthlessly swept out of business."

Such expressions from that quarter cannot but stimulate us to fresh and determined effort and that prolonged until not only many but all who engage in this iniquitous traffic in our fair land shall be "ruthlessly swept out of business." But how little could these men, the representatives of the League, wise to devise and skillful to execute, have accomplished without this 'fund, scraped together of between sixty and seventy thousand dollars." The lesson is easy. Of course, there must be men but there must be money as well as men. We have the men, good, capable, willing men, but hitherto the money has been wanting.

Let us make three resolutions and let us carry them beyond their mere silent record upon paper.

RESOLVED—(1) That we express our gratification at the marked revival of interest in temperance during the past year as manifested by the sustained, insistent demand by thousands of our best citizens upon the legislature just adjourned for the passage of a simple comprehensive local option law.

(2) Also that we renew our efforts for securing the passage of the original local option bill as reported favorably by the House committtee, and declare our belief in the efficiency of the Illinois Anti Saloon League as the agency of the united church for accomplishing that result, and urge co-operation by the several churches in its plans for enlisting the church membership and securing funds for carrying on the campaign.

(3) Resolved that we appoint a committee from the Synod of Illinois to confer with similar committees representing other denominations in our state, for the purpose of devising a plan to make a state governing board officially representative and to report back again next year.

The names suggested for the committee are these: The Rev. T. D. Logan, the Rev. John H. Boyd, the Rev. C. E. Dunn, Mr. John V.

Farwell, E. R. Ulrich Jr., George B. Griffin, Samuel T. Brush.

The report of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society was read by Mrs. S. O. Loughridge, Secretary. It was received and the Stated Clerk was authorized to print the report in the appendix of the minutes.

The report of the secretary of the Young People's Societies was read by Miss F. F. Cleland. It was received and the Stated Clerk was authorized to print the substance of this report and also that of Miss Holmes on Freedmen in the appendix of the minutes.

The Rev. John Pearson, representing the American Bible Society, then addressed the Synod. The following were invited to sit as corresponding members: The Rev. John Pearson, of the Cincinnati Conference of the M. E. Church, and the Rev. Geo. W. Shields of the Synod of Ohio.

The Committee on Finance presented the following preliminary report which was adopted:

We recommend the approval of the Treasurer's report of a year ago. In so doing we recommend that the present treasurer be authorized to charge up to Profit and Loss an error of $37.50 in the report of disbursements published in the minutes. This error was due to the prolonged illness and absence of the late Rev. D. S. Johnson previous to his resignation. (Signed) Geo. E. Hunt, Wm. H. Hayden, Rufus S. Simmons.

The report of the Committee on Education was made the order for the day for to-morrow morning following the report of the Committee on Church Erection.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was then administered in accordance with arrangements already made, after which Synod took recess until 7:30 p. m., closing with prayer.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 7:30 O'CLOCK.

Synod was opened with devotional exercises led by the Rev. William J. McCaughan and the Rev. C. B. McAfee of Chicago.

The Rev. Arthur J. Brown of New York, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, addressed the Synod.

The Rev. W. S. Marquis, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions, which was received and their recommendations adopted as follows:

Report of Foreign Missions.

Your Committee herewith places before you in tabulated form the statistics of our work for this cause in the year closing April 30, 1903.

A glance at its marshalled figures shows us that we have reason to congratulate ourselves on at least a slight financial gain over last year. The amount reported in the Assembly Minutes, $66,104, is the largest sum ever given by this Synod in any one year. But the amount per capita, 90 cents, falls considerably below what the church did a decade ago, when for six years the average offering was above $1.00 per member. As usual, the faithful and diligent women stand at the front with the largest offering from any one source. The Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies show a decline. It is not large in either case, but the significant fact is that it is the second year of decline. It is time that we seek for the cause and seek to check any loss of interest or effort that may be creeping in. If you study the offerings to the Board you will see that six Presbyteries made an advance; if you study the figures from the Assembly Minutes you will find that nine are entitled to that honor. So far as we are able to discover the disparity between the gifts sent to the Board and amounts reported to the Assembly is due to private gifts sent directly to the field, and principally to our own stations.

These figures show good organization and steady loyalty to the cause. In one sense it is almost too steady, i. e., it does not show enough intelligent enthusiasm and response to the needs of the hour.

$13.61, the average per member of Congregational expenses.

$4.12, the average offering for Benevolences in Home Field.

$ .90, the average offering for Foreign Missions.

Look at these lines. The first represents what the Presbyterian Church in the Synod of Illinois spent upon herself last year; the second what she gave for benevolences in the home field, and the third what she gave to foreign missions. Does it seem like a wise and Christ-like division? Surely a church which can spend $1,002,323 for congregational expenses, and $303,943 more for benevolences on the home field is able to give more than $66,104 for carrying the gospel to the heathen.

The work of foreign missions is increasing year by year just because of the success with which God has honored us in the past. There is now a great harvest ripening and ready to be garnered. The most earnest and pathetic plea ever received by the church is coming up from this harvest field for laborers.

Statistics on Foreign Missions, Synod of Illinois, Year Ending April 30, 1903.

Presbytery	No. Churches	No Offerings Reported	Communicants	Amount Contributed to the Board by: Churches	Sunday Schools	Y. P. Societies	Women's Societies	Total	Gain	Lo	Average	Amount Reported in Assembly Minutes	Gain	Loss
Alton	49	8	4,877	$ 747	$ 208	$ 113	$ 527	$ 1,595	$ 113	$	.32	$ 1,558	$ 144	.....
Bloomington	54	6	7,969	2,193	242	1,097	2,908	6,440	.....	681	.81	8,877	1,788	.....
Cairo	42	7	3,764	706	52	175	330	1,263	144	.....	.33	1,292	90	.....
Chicago	91	1	23,522	13,597	1,428	1,925	13,973	30,923	929	.....	1.36	32,991	1,236	.....
Freeport	30	1	4,890	1,138	133	502	1,159	2,932	.....	226	.60	3,011	.....	233
Mattoon	34	1	4,382	1,724	33	87	729	2,573	695	.....	.53	2,574	553	.....
Ottawa	23	5	3,013	370	110	166	543	1,189	.....	22	.39	1,081	34	.....
Peoria	38	7	5,705	1,486	231	229	1,762	3,708	556	.....	.65	3,598	361	.....
Rock River	36	1	4,616	1,837	133	409	1,057	3,236	716	.....	.70	3,669	734	.....
Schuyler	41	3	5,125	1,010	162	664	993	2,829	.....	59	.55	2,884	.....	23
Springfield	33	2	5,770	949	98	202	2,424	3,673	.....	118	.64	4,569	695	.....
Total 1903	471	42	73,633	25,557	2 830	5,569	26,405	60,361	3,153	1,106	.82	66,104	5,635	256
Total 1902	472	46	72,317	23,935	2,906	6,136	25,337	58,314	.....	.....	.80	60.725	.....	.....
Gain	....	4	1,316	1,622	.....	.....	1,068	2,047	.....	.....	.02	5,379	.....	.....
Loss	1	.....	.....	.....	76	567	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

The little pamphlet sent out in June by the Board, entitled "An Appeal from the Foreign Mission Field," is a very cry of distress. No one who loves Christ and the souls of men can read it without feeling that it is the very voice of God calling upon the church to arise and put forth her strength in the ingathering of this harvest. These requests for reinforcements come not primarily from the Board but the field—the workers who are simply overwhelmed with the demands of the heathen world for the extension of the kingdom of Christ. Here are the number of recruits for which the several missions plead at the earliest possible moment:

Punjab Mission	28	Japan Missions	8
Furrukhabad Missions	75	Siam and Laos Missions	16
West India Missions	24	Korea Missions	15
Shantung Missions	12	Philippine Missions	14
Peking Missions	12	Syria Missions	2
Central China Missions	3	East Persia Missions	12
Hunan Missions	19	Brazil, Colombia, Chili, Mexico,	
Canton Missions	13	Gautamala Missions	12
Hainan Missions	18	West Africa Missions	8
Formosa Missions	4	Total	276

This seems like a large number to ask for in one year. But remember the size of the church. It would require only one out of every 3867 of our communicants to furnish these reinforcements. The quota of the Synod of Illinois would be only 18. And if the 3,867 who remain at home would contribute one dollar extra, they would furnish ample means to equip, forward and support their representative on the field for one year. Does that seem like asking too much? Evidently the Board thought so, for they have cut down the number of recruits asked for to 214, and are only appealing for one new worker from every 5,000 of the church members.

This appeal is altogether the most important matter in the work of foreign missions now before us. Your committee would lay special emphasis upon it. Shall we not make a special effort to furnish our quota of these new workers? Shall we not repeat this call to our Churches, to our Young People's societies, our youth in college and in seminary, and the young people in our homes? Shall we not plead with the Holy Spirit to call forth our sons and daughters? If we could find at least one recruit in each Presbytery who would say "Here am I, send me," and each Presbytery would arouse itself to fit out and send forth and support that recruit, it would inaugurate the greatest forward movement in missions this Synod has ever seen. It would kindle the keenest interest, increase offerings, and put new life into all missionary meeting; it would also quicken the evangelistic spirit at home and bring a reflex blessing of immeasurable value.

Your committee would therefore concentrate all attention upon this point in the following recommendations:

1.—That this Synod issue an urgent call for reinforcements for the foreign mission field. In the name of the Master, of the overworked missionaries, and of the perishing millions, we plead with our young men in the seminary, with those who are about to finish their education, with Christian teachers and physicians who are seeking a field of labor to consider this call of God and the claims of the mission field.

2.—That we ask for an "Illinois Band" of at least eleven, one to represent each Presbytery: that we pledge ourselves to fit them out, and to do our utmost to arrange for churches, groups of churches, or individuals who will assume their support.

3.—That this call, prepared by the committee on Foreign Missions, be sent to every church, Sabbath school, and Missionary society, with the request that it be publicly read; that every pastor be requested to preach upon this subject; and that we arrange if possible for a tour of the Synod by the Rev. David M. McConaughy, the Board's special worker in behalf of the "Forward Movement."

4.—That we ask the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to join us in issuing this call, and in carrying out its pledges

WM. S. MARQUIS, CHAIRMAN.

The Rev. Thos. D. Logan presented an invitation from Mrs. Richard T. Yates, wife of the Governor of Illinois, to the Synod to attend a reception in its honor, to-morrow afternoon at 4:15.

The Rev. A. R. Bickenbach gave notice of a proposed amendment to standing rule No. 10.

The Synod then adjourned until 8:30 to-morrow morning and the session was closed with prayer and the Apostolic benediction.

THURSDAY MORNING, 8:30 O'CLOCK.

Synod convened at 8:30 o'clock and after a half-hour devotional exercise led by the Rev. D. C. Milner, the Moderator opened the session with prayer. The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved. The Rev. Geo. J. E. Richards presented the Treasurer's report which was referred to the Finance Committee.

The following Presbyterial records were upon recommendation of the respective committees appointed to examine them, approved without exception: Ottawa, Cairo, Peoria, Bloomington, Alton, Springfield, Chicago, Rock River, Freeport, Schuyler, Mattoon.

The Rev. W. S. P. Bryan presented the report of the Committee on Method of Business, which was received and its recommendations considered seriatim and after amendment adopted as follows:

Report of the Committee on the Methods of Business.

The Committee to which was referred the question of certain proposed changes in the method of transacting the business of Synod by which less time should be devoted to routine reports and more to the consideration of subjects of vital importance to Synod would respectfully report, that it has devoted several hours to the detailed consideration of this question in the effort alike to conserve all that is valuable in our present methods, to concentrate into a few groups the diversified subjects now provided for in our Standing Rules, and to eliminate whatever can be spared in the way of merely formal action, however firmly established by convention this may be. Your Committee recognizes the fact that in so doing its proposals may seem radical but the responsibility for this is upon the Synod which appointed us, and from what we can gather, we believe there is in the Synod a deepening conviction that some very decided changes ought to be made

Your Committee has recognized the following as the regulative principles of its report: -

I. That the primary business of this Synod is the work of Christ as represented by our Church within the bounds of the State of Illinois, and that as such the Synod has a place distinct from that of the Presbyteries which compose it and also from that of the Assembly of which it is a part.

II. That the Synod is a deliberative body and that its various actions and resolutions can be effective only when they rest upon the intelligent convictions of its members as developed by a comparison of views and a thorough discussion of such differences as naturally arise.

III. That the effective presentation of the business of Synod requires that it be thoroughly systematized so that needless duplications may be avoided and interests of like general nature be grouped together and presented each in its own place.

IV. That it is not incumbent upon the Synod at its every meeting to give particular consideration to each of the various causes, for which our Church stands, merely for the purpose of indorsing that cause before our people. The interest of Synod in each cause may be taken for granted, and the Synod may wisely choose among these various causes those which at each meeting require its attention and call for its action.

In the application of these principles, your Committee finds it necessary to propose certain changes in the Standing Rules as printed in the minutes of Synod last year (P. 84). Due notice, according to these rules, was given yesterday and the changes to be effective next year must be made today. These changes are in Standing Rules:

No. 1 For the words "of the" substitute the word "for" so that it will read "the general rules for Judicatories"

No. 4 The following substitute is proposed:

A Committee of Arrangements shall be appointed annually consisting of six members, among whom shall be the Stated and Permanent Clerks, the Moderator, and the Pastor of the Church in which the Synod meets, the Stated Clerk to be ex-officio Chairman. This Committee shall prepare the order of business for the Synod in consultation with the Chairmen of the Permanent and Standing Committees as hereinafter described, and shall also have charge of the railroad transportation of its members.

No. 8 For the last line of this Rule substitute:

On Records of the Presbyteries, one member to constitute a General Committee to prepare and present the report and eleven committees of three members each to examine the records of the Presbyteries and to report on the same to the General Committee.

No. 9 The following substitute is proposed:

The permanent committees of Synod shall be six in number:

1.—On the Spiritual Life of the Churches in the bounds of the Synod It shall present the religious condition and needs of our churches, shall receive from the Presbyteries ten days before the annual meeting a written report on the state of religion covering the synodical year, shall prepare the narrative for the general assembly and present it for the consideration of Synod, and shall have charge of Evangelistic and other movements looking to the quickening of the Spiritual Life, so far as these appertain to this Synod. The Communion of the Lord's Supper as observed by Synod may properly be held in connection with the consideration of this question.

2—On Christian Education. It shall take account of the religious condition of our youth in Universities, Colleges and Schools, public and private; the maintenance of the Church Schools, Colleges and Seminaries in the bounds of Synod, including the regular visitation of these by the Committees of Synod; the aid of colleges and academies under the care of our General Assembly. To this Committee also is entrusted the question of the best method of presenting to the young men of our Synod the question of a call to the ministry and of promoting sound theological education within our bounds.

3.—On the Youth of the Church as represented in our Sabbath Schools and Young People's Organizations. It shall devise measures to develop in our youth a clearer knowledge of the Word of God and of the active duties of the Christian Life not only in our own Sabbath Schools but in the needy places of the land as cared for by the Board of Publication and Sabbath School work.

4.—On Home Missions. In addition to our synodical Home Missions, this Committee shall have charge of the interests of our work among the Freedmen and among the foreign populations within our bounds, and of the duty of our Synod to the Home Mission Work of the Church at large.

5.—On Foreign Missions which shall see to it that the interests of this cause may be properly presented to Synod by addresses from time to time.

6.—On General Church Work, in which is included Systematic Beneficence, Ministerial Relief, Church Erection, Temperance reform and Sabbath observance and such other practical measures as are not hereinbefore provided for.

These Committees, except that of Home Missions, which is governed by the General Rules adopted in 1902 and that of Foreign Missions which is to consist of the chairmen of the Presbyterial committees shall consist of eleven members each, one from each Presbytery, to be appointed by the Synod.

No. 10. This Rule is to be ommitted by the Report of its Committee.

No. 11. Insert the words "and special" after "permanent" and before "committees."

No. 12 This Rule should be omitted as the subject of it is covered under No. 9

No. 13. Insert the words "and mileage" after "contingent" and before "expenses."

All of which is respectfully submitted by the unanimous action of the Committee.

W. S. PLUMER BRYAN, CHAIRMAN.

This same committee was appointed to nominate the permanent committees as provided for in their report, the Moderator being made chairman in the place of the Rev. W. S. P. Bryan, who must return home.

The Rev. W. H. Weaver of the Synod of Baltimore was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Home Missions was introduced as the order of the day. Mrs. C. W. Robinson, President of the Women's Synodical Home Missionary Society presented her report, which was received and the Stated Clerk ordered to print it in the appendix of the minutes.

The Rev. T. D. Logan presented the report of the Committee on Home Missions which was received.

The Rev. E. L. Lord presented the Report of the Treasurer of the Home Missions Committee which was also received.

Two resolutions suggested by the Committee, and a recommendation were offered as supplementary to the report.

Resolution 1 was adopted, Resolution 2 was discussed and made the order for 3:45 this afternoon. Rev. N. H. G. Fife offered a resolu-

tion on Mormonism. Its consideration was deferred until the final action upon the report of the Committee on Home Missions.

The report of the Committee on Freedmen was read by the Stated Clerk. It was received and its recommendations adopted as follows:

Report of Committee on Freedmen.

From the last report we learn that it has been one of the most successful years of work among the freedmen, and shows the faithfulness of all the workers of the Board, which was able to close the year without a deficit, although a falling off of receipts from all sources, amounting to $2849.89.

It is pleasant to report that the Synod of Illinois, shows a small advance.

In comparing the reports of 1902 and 1903 we find the following results, to-wit:—

(GAINS)		(LOSSES)	
Alton Presbytery, a gain of	$ 86.43	Mattoon,	$204.50
Bloomington " " " "	96.44	Ottawa,	8.99
Cairo " " " "	52.63	Rock River,	9.08
Chicago " " " "	235.95	Springfield,	39.09
Freeport " " " "	39.12	Total loss.....	$261.66
Peoria " " " "	50.88		
Schuyler " " " "	99.69		
Total gain.....	$661.14	.....	$261.66

Showing a total gain of $399.48

The following shows the gains:—

From the Churches,	$423.22	
From the S. S. to the Women's Boards	102.17	
From the Y. P. S. " " "	170.64	$696.14
The following show the losses:—		
From the S. S. to Board direct,	$ 27.96	
From Y. P. S. " " "	25.80	
From Women's Boards	233 90	$296.66
Total gain		$399 48.

Less than 40 of the 500 Sabbath Schools contributed last year to the Board for Freedmen.

We wish to make the following recommendation:—

That the Five Hundred (500) Sabbath Schools of the Synod make an annual contribution to the work of this Board, and to forward the same direct to the Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee.

W. B. Rundle, Chairman.

The Rev. W. H. Weaver, representing the Board of Freedmen, then addressed the Synod.

The report of the Committee on Church Erection was read by the Rev. F. J. Tower, Chairman. It was received and its recommendations adopted.

The Rev. W. J. McCaughan addressed the Synod in behalf of the Board of Church Erection.

The following is the report of the Committee on Church Erection:

Report on Church Erection.

Your Committee on Church Erection is enabled, this year, to make its report with that peculiar feeling of self-respect which characterizes those who are engaged in a winning cause. Once again, in its annual report to the General Assembly at Los Angeles, the Board of Church Erection was able to report a balance on hand, rather than a deficit. The balance on hand is, to be sure, not large, but it indicates a condition of financial health and prudent administration. It is also a hopeful sign, that the call of the churches is more and more for loans than for grants, so that the future efficiency of the Board is more largely safe-guarded. During the year $195,276.44 was appropriated in loans and grants among 233 churches. The total receipts in all departments were $228,109.71, and the total disbursements were $226,240.79. During the year, 221 churches and manses were completed, without debt, at an aggregate value of $886,902. These figures stand for a great gain in the working equipment of our beloved church and many thousands of hearts are happier and more buoyant in the service of God.

THE WORK IN ILLINOIS.

Last year we reported that the Synod of Illinois was a larger pensioner on the bounty of this Board than any of the Synods, save Iowa, for the period from 1845 to 1902. During the last year, Kansas drew so heavily from the Board that she too has passed us in the amount of aid received and now we stand third. Our Synod has since 1845 received from this Board the total of $283,871 which has been bestowed on 460 churches, a number practically equalling the number of churches now composing the Synod. During this last year, Illinois *received* in grants and loans from the Board, the sum of $2,650, while 14 other Synods received greater amounts. During the same time we *contributed* to the Board's treasury $2,621, an amount which was exceeded by only four Synods, viz.: Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey and Ohio. If Illinois can continue to hold the fifth place among the Synods in the amount she contributes to the Board and fifteenth place in the amount she withdraws, we may indulge a pardonable pride; and especially so if, as is now the case, the four Synods which contribute more largely than we, shall continue to withdraw more largely than we.

One of the ardent wishes of your committee has been gratified, during the year, in the coming of our Synod into practical self-support. Our churches lacked only $29 of giving into the Board's treasury as much as was withdrawn. This is a satisfaction to us not only from the standpoint of pride but also from the standpoint of the general good of the church. Our western states are making large calls for help in building churches in their newly forming towns and needy districts, and it is only right that our large and wealthy Synod should aim to send into the Board's treasury a large surplus over what it shall ask to be sent back into its own territory.

It is also a matter of genuine satisfaction to your committee that during last year our Synod made a larger gain in the amount contributed to the cause of Church Erection, than was made in the case of any other cause, excepting only the Board of Aid for Colleges and Academies. This latter Board gained 300 per cent while Church Erection gained 33 1-3 per cent.

It is only due the Presbytery of Chicago to make public recognition of the fact that much of this gain has been the result of the painstaking, patient and persistent campaign which the Committee on Church Erection of that Presbytery has been conducting in their effort to construct much needed new churches and to lift blighting debts off of the old ones. That Presbytery spurred on by the urgent needs of many of its own struggling churches assumed an independence, or rather a self-dependence, in the matter of church erection. It clothed its local committee with much the same function within the Presbytery, that the Board in New York exercises within the whole church. The report of that Committee covering the year from April, 1902, to April, 1903, showed a total expenditure of $55,545. This committee received the regular annual collections of all the churches in the Presbytery and also solicited special sums from individuals within the churches, gathering the sum of $26,876 from these sources. The remaining $28,669 was raised on their own fields by the congregations building new churches or lifting old debts. This species of home rule is but the beginning of a movement which aims to provide suitable houses of worship for all the churches of the city and encourage the weak churches to become strong.

THE AGUADILLA CHURCH.

Your committee is also pleased to report a large measure of good fortune in the project of the Aguadilla, Port Rico, church building, which was completed over a year ago. Last year we had nothing encouraging at all to report. This year we are able to say that over half of the $2,000 necessary to redeem our pledge is paid in and has been forwarded to the Home Board to whom we owe it. Concerning the remaining $1,000, we feel confident that the honor and loyalty of the Presbyteries will make it forthcoming. Part of it is already pledged by individual churches, part is assessed against churches by the act of certain Presbyteries and probably about $400 of it still remains to be provided for. Let us hope that each Presbytery will now promptly

meet its full quota. We give below the amount received to date, Sept. 30, from each of the eleven Presbyteries.

Alton.....$54.93; is raising more.
Bloomington.....$47.47; has just voted to raise $200.00.
Cario..... $77.00; has $83 more pledged by churches.
Chicago.....$7.00; has withdrawn from this project.
Freeport.....$72.00; is raising more.
Mattoon.....$29.55; is raising more.
Ottawa..... $24.80; has voted an apportionment of $150.00.
Peoria.....$22.00; has voted an apportionment of $200.00.
Rock River.....$54.16; is raising more.
Schuyler.....$606.39; raised more than its quota.
Springfield.....$135.00; is raising more.

Total.....$1130.30.

Realizing the urgency of the work which confronts this Board, in the development of our work in Alaska, in Cuba, in the Philippines and in the growing sections of the home-land, and realizing the importance of redeeming the word of this Synod given at Jacksonville, Oct. 16, 1901, your committee has the following resolutions to offer:

1. That this Synod urges unflagging zeal on the part of the churches in sustaining the widening operations of the Board of Church Erection.

2. That those Presbyteries which have not met their fair quota of the Synod's pledge to the church building at Aguadilla, Porto Rico, are hereby urged to co-operate speedily in meeting the obligation assumed by Synod at Jacksonville.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED J. TOWER, CHAIRMAN.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved by Synod that the members of the present Committee on Church Erection be appointed a special committee of Synod to prosecute before the churches, the matter of raising the remainder of Synod's pledge in paying for the church building at Aguadilla, Porto Rico; said committee to report at the next stated meeting of Synod.

The report of the Committee on Educational Institutions was made the second special order of the day for this afternoon.

The report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures was made the first order of the day for this afternoon.

After prayer, recess was taken untill 1:30 p. m.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 1:30 O'CLOCK.

Synod was opened with prayer, the Rev. G. A. Pollock being in the chair.

The Rev. J. D. McCaughtry presented the following resolution which was adopted:

WHEREAS: We believe that to the Church of God is committed the sacred trust of caring for its aged members, who through adverse circumstances, or failing health and advanced years, have need of sympathy and care and the comforts of home—

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Synod of Illinois, in session at Springfield, appoint a committee to investigate the needs and the possibility of establishing, within the limits of the Synod, an Old People's Home for the care of those who are without means of support—

That the committee be instructed to devise ways for raising the necessary funds for such an enterprise and also to recommend a suitable site for such Home, and report at the next meeting of Synod

Pursuant to this recommendation, the following committee was appointed: the Rev. James D. McCaughtry, the Rev. A. B. Morey, the Rev. W. S. Marquis, the Rev. W. F. Irwin and Elders Geo. M. Fugate, W. D. Baker, O. S. Stowell.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported in regard to the overture from the Chicago Presbytery, asking definite action by Synod on the question of the right of a licentiate to perform the marriage ceremony. A Majority and a Minority report were presented as follows:

Majority Report—In as much as the form of government of the Presbyterian church does not recognize a licentiate as a minister of the gospel and the law of the state grants permission only to a minister of the gospel in regular standing in the church to perform the marriage ceremony, therefore we recommend that the Synod answer the overture that our licentiates do not have the right to perform the marriage ceremony in this state.

(signed) A. B. Morey
N. H. G. Fife
T. R. Johnson
L. B. Parsons
T. G. McCulloh

Minority Report The Synod grants permission to our licentiates to the gospel ministry, to perform the marriage ceremony within this state recognizing them as ministers, in regular standing within the meaning of the statutes of the state on this subject.

(signed) Wm. J. McCaughan
E. L. Lord

It was ordered that the whole matter be referred to a special committee of three lawyers who are elders of the Presbyterian Church to report at the next meeting of the Synod. The following lawyers were appointed: Ephraim Banning, Chicago; Judge J. J. Glenn, Monmouth; James M. Rice, Peoria.

The report of the committee on Educational Institutions was now taken up and after consideration of the recommendations, the report was adopted as a whole.

Report on Educational Institutions.

Your Committee was appointed under the following resolution, introduced by Pres. Richard Harlan, of Lake Forest, in conjunction with Pres. Bradley of Blackburn and Principal Gillett of Jacksonville Female Academy. "Resolved: That a special committee of five, of which the Moderator shall be the chairman, be appointed to consider the whole question of Christian Education in the State of Illinois as carried on by the colleges and schools under Presbyterian auspices and to report to the next meeting of Synod. The work of this committee shall be to visit the colleges and schools, to consult with the heads of the various institutions separately and collectively, to consider any plans that may be suggested in the direction of affiliation or consolidation, and to endeavor to arouse the whole Church in the State to the importance of the whole subject of Christian Education, the committee to hold its first meeting not later than Jan. 1st, 1903." The number on the committee was afterwards increased to six.

It being found impracticable to secure the attendance of so large a Committee at so many widely scattered points, the chairman and Dr. McAfee undertook the labor of visiting and inspecting the whole circle of schools. Dr. Brown was also present at Jacksonville, and Mr. Scott was at Lake Forest. Conference was held with the head of each school and with other members of the several faculties and boards of trustees. The grounds and buildings were inspected and the conditions and needs of the institutions were canvassed. In several cases an opportunity was secured to meet and address the students. After these visits the committee held a conference with representatives of the various institutions and with the Secretary of the Board of Aid for Colleges.

We find under Presbyterian auspices, five secondary schools and three colleges, besides McCormick Theological Seminary, which does not come within our commission. Briefly stated we discovered the following conditions prevailing at the several institutions.

Blackburn University owes its existence to the energy and liberality of a Presbyterian minister, Dr. Gideon Blackburn, and those whom he interested in

his plans. Nearly 17,000 acres of land were purchased for the institution, chiefly in McCoupin and Montgomery counties. Certain citizens of Carlinville secured 80 acres at the edge of that city for the campus, and the deed of trust directs that the institution be located on this tract. In 1837 Dr. Blackburn executed a deed of trust for all this property. But for many years the land was unproductive and unsalable, and in 1845 2,000 acres were sold for taxes and expenses. A decree of court was then procured authorizing the transfer of the lands to Illinois College at Jacksonville, to endow a theological professorship. In 1855 the supreme court set aside this transfer, and ordered the trustees to establish a college at Carlinville A charter was accordingly obtained in 1857, and a building was erected, at a cost of $12,000. A primary school was opened in 1859, and a full college course was adopted in 1864. In 1867 the theological department was organized. In 1868 the building was enlarged and improved at a cost of $35,000. In 1880 Robertson Hall was built at a cost of $8,000. In 1885 $100,000 of endowment and $12,000 of income was reported. But later years brought financial reverses and unfortunate differences of opinion in the faculty and board of trustees. As a consequence the history of the last fifteen years has been a story of constant struggle and sacrifice on the part of the faculty and friends of the institution. The old dissensions have long since passed away. In 1898 the institution was received under the direct care of the Synod The trustees have made strenuous effort to increase the endowment, but with little success hitherto. At the suggestion of this committee the citizens of McCoupin County are engaged in an effort to raise an endowment fund of $25,000, on condition that the trustees and friends elsewhere raise a like amount They are meeting with encouraging success and the Synod should promptly meet them half way.

It is astonishing that it has been possible to secure and retain such an excellent corps of teachers at the utterly inadequate salaries they receive. We were delighted to find that so excellent work is possible under these adverse circumstances Such instructors deserve the hearty sympathy and support of the Church.

They have at present besides a small observatory two buildings both in need of renovation and additional equipment. The library especially is utterly inadequate.

Blackburn has a field, limited perhaps, but important. It can give, it is giving, a fair education at a minimum cost. The estimate for board, tuition, room and fees is $132 to $154 a year. Young men and women are being educated here who otherwise would have to be content with what they could secure from the common schools It is doubtful whether $200,000 can be placed anywhere in the state where it can help to a fair fitting for a life of usefulness so many valuable young people who would otherwise remain without a liberal education. Blackburn may never become a large institution, but at this small outlay it can for many years fill an important field.

Lake Forest College was begun in 1856 by Dr. Robert W. Patterson and others by the purchase of 1300 acres of land along the shores of Lake Michigan, 28 miles north of Chicago, where the town of Lake Forest now stands. Every alternate lot was set apart for endowment and sixty acres were reserved for the campus. The charter was secured in 1857 and a preparatory school for boys was begun the following year. This is now known as Lake Forest School for Boys. In 1868 Ferry Hall, a similar school for girls, was established. September 7, 1876 Lake Forest College was opened, and graduated its first class in 1879. Alliances were made in the eighties with colleges of Law, Dentistry and Medicine in Chicago. But these connections were severed in 1902, in order to concentrate all efforts on the three institutions at Lake Forest. While Pres. Harlan is the general head of the University, and the affairs of all the schools are administered by the one body of trustees, each institution has its special "head, its own faculty, its separate campus, and its individual life" "All three institutions are frankly religious and positively Christian; and Bible instruction and public worship have their place in the daily life of the several schools." A large majority of the board and faculty are Presbyterian.

The School for Boys has three residence houses and a recitation hall. The buildings are modern and complete in every way. Each house is in charge of a master and one or more assistant masters, who with Head Master Sloan and Pres Harlan constitute the faculty of ten. There are five forms or classes and the course is intended to fit a boy for any college in the land. This institution is in excellent financial condition.

Ferry Hall is a high grade school for young women. It has an excellent dormitory and a fine building just completed for recitation rooms and other purposes. This institution is also in excellent financial condition.

Lake Forest College has a splendid campus of fifty acres, being entirely separate from the grounds of the other two schools. There are eight buildings which are however inadequate for immediate necessities, students being refused for want of dormitory rooms. This plant needs to be largely supplemented if Lake Forest is to be what it should to the Presbyterian Church in Northern Illinois, and is to take its place beside the colleges of other strong churches in the region of Chicago.

Union Academy, at Anna, 28 miles north of Cairo, was founded 1883 by Rev. W. W. Faris, a Presbyterian minister. It is a preparatory school for both sexes. It has one building for class work, giving facilities for a hundred pupils. On this $1,000 was spent last year in repairs. There is also a building used for gymnasium and manual training work Instruction is likewise given in music, and a primary department is in operation. There are two buildings rented to professors. The property is valued at $25,000, including the farms. Half of this is productive, yielding an income of about $400. Two-thirds of the directors are, by charter, communicants of the Presbyterian Church. Dr. Faris for many years principal, has retired, on account of ill health. Rev. F L. Bickford

has been chosen as his successor. The first assistant, Mr. Barker, is a graduate of Oxford, England, and a post graduate of Chicago.

Instruction in the Bible is made prominent throughout the course, and nearly all the students become Christians before leaving the institution. Eight of the graduates have become Presbyterian ministers, and six others are ministers in other churches. There is no distinctively Christian institution nearer than 100 miles, and the nearest Presbyterian school is at Carlinville, 170 miles distant.

The present inadequate frame buildings should be superseded by modern brick structures costing not less than $25,000. With the addition of $100,000 to the endowment an adequate income would be secured and the successful continuance of the school would be assured.

Geneseo Collegiate Institute is situated at Geneseo, a fine town of 4 000 population, 20 miles east of Rock Island. This school was established in 1884 under Presbyterian auspices, being the first child of the Board of Aid for Colleges. Two-thirds of the trustees are, by charter, Presbyterians. It is under the care of Rock River Presbytery. It has the cordial support of the local churches, both Presbyterian and Congregational; the latter being much the stronger organization. Indeed the community as a whole is loyal to the school. It has two fairly good brick buildings. There is equipment for the work in the chemical and physical laboratories and in the business and musical departments. There is a gymnasium, and also a small library.

Daily chapel exercises are attended by the students; systematic instruction is given in the Bible; and the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. are well sustained. All students are required to attend church at least once a Sunday. Provision is made, not only for preparatory training, but also for two years of college work. There are besides normal, business and musical departments.

Geneseo needs a new building, some remodeling of the old ones, and some new equipment. To do properly the work opening up to it there should also be an endowment of $100,000—$150,000.

Jacksonville Female Academy has a good building, in a fine location. They had 64 in the Academy and 81 in their fine music department. They also had a small primary department. The property of the institution, less $20,000 indebtedness, was valued at $43,000. Plans were being devised to liquidate the debt and place the institution in much better shape. But at this juncture a proposition of merger was made by Illinois College. By the terms of the merger the College took over the property of the Academy and paid the mortgage of $20,000. The College becomes co-educational, and the Academy is consolidated with the Whipple Academy on the College campus. The old building will be used for a young ladies home and the Music Department. The College becomes Presbyterian; a fund of $50,000 being set apart to revert to the Academy trustees in case it ceases to be Presbyterian. A majority of the Board must be Presbyterian. All these terms have been carried out in good faith, and Pres. Barnes has himself become a member of Springfield Presbytery. Dr. Jane

Sherzer, formerly principal of the Academy, and for four years past engaged in post graduate work in Berlin, has become "Dean of the Women" in the College. She has for years been a Presbyterian.

As by these acts Illinois College has become a Presbyterian institution, it was incumbent on the committee to visit this college also. We found a campus splendid in situation and ample in extent, embracing 20 acres, in the beautiful city of Jacksonville. Ten buildings are included in the college property. These we carefully inspected, and found in good condition. They form a magnificent plant for college and academy work, probably surpassed by few in the state. There are 14 members of the faculty; several of these besides the president and the "Dean of the Women" are Presbyterians.

This magnificent institution, with grounds, buildings and equipment is valued at $218,895. The productive endowment is $239,569, giving a total property valued at $458,464. Total income $27,551. Besides this the institution has recently fallen heir to $75,000 by the will of the late Dr. Jones of Jacksonville, which will be available after a few years. In addition to this there are bright prospects of large gifts through some who have recently become interested. It is to be doubted whether any college in the state, aside from the three large universities, has more encouraging prospects for future growth and usefulness in its peculiar field. By her own act Illinois College has become a Presbyterian Institution, on the same basis as most of our recognized Presbyterian institutions, namely a majority of the trustees are always to be Presbyterian. The college is the oldest in the state, and was founded by Presbyterians and Congregationalists. For a long time the Presbyterian element predominated, and it has always been largely present. But for many years the institution has been known as Congregational. Yet situated in a part of the state where Congregationalism is weak, and located in a city where there are three strong Presbyterian churches and five or six times as many Presbyterians as Congregationalists, it is most natural for the college to seek closer relations with the larger body of its constituents. We bespeak for it a hearty welcome, and commend it to your confidence and support.

A word as to the affiliation of Illinois College with the University of Chicago. This is a recognition by the University of the high standing of the College, and an assurance that a certain high grade of work shall be maintained. It secures the privilege of free fellowships in the University to all professors and to three graduates each year. To insure the high standard required, appointments to the faculty and removals are made in consultation with the University. The appointments are not limited to graduates or post graduates of the University, and the right is reserved to the College to withdraw, at its own discretion, from even this supervision. President Harper, of the University of Chicago, in a letter explaining the affiliation writes: "The University would recognize that, in the case of a Presbyterian College, it was entirely justifiable for the Trustees of that college to ask that every instructor, including the President, should be a Presbyterian, and no objection to such a plan could possibly be made by the University."

The Presbyterian Church has been known in the past as a great Educational Church. In vigorous dissent from the medieval dictum that "Ignorance is the mother of devotion", it has always stood for an intelligent study of the word of God, and therefore has been the most insistent of all the churches for an educated ministry. In the early days she planted broadcast, all over the newer regions, schools and colleges The Presbyterian colonist, as he plunged into the wilderness to make a new home, took with him not only his gun and hoe and ax, but also his Bible and spelling-book and arithmetic. A large proportion of the earliest and best of the educational institutions in all this middle West were planted by the Presbyterian Church alone or aided by the Congregationalists. But, in the last few decades, a strange apathy has been stealing over us. Our actual and relative condition, in number of institutions and in their wealth, has been shown by Dr. Ray of our Board of aid for Colleges. The exhibition should arrest our attention, and cause us with shame to acknowledge our woeful shortcomings. We ought to be stimulated to take up once more the work of the fathers. We ought to gird ourselves to the task of so strengthening our schools that they shall be once more worthy of the records of the past, the possibilities of the present and the demands of the future. It is our province to do for the Church and the young people of Illinois, what the assembly at Los Angeles sought to do for the whole country. We should set a mark to which the church in this state may reasonably be expected to work. We should plan for a campaign of enlightenment to arouse and enlist our people in this great cause of Christian education. We should set our standard high, and should begin a work that shall never be allowed to cease, till every school and college that we have, and that we ought to have, in this state, is adequately provided with buildings, equipment, endowment and students. Considering all the blessings of the past, and all our ability of the present, spiritual, intellectual and and physical, let us not propose to the Church a work and an offering that shall "cost us nothing", but one that is commensurate with our abilities, and with the demands of the hour.

Your committee therefore urges the adoption of the following recommendations:—

1. We most earnestly recommend to our churches and people that they raise during the next five years the sum of $1 200,000, for the endowment and equipment of the Presbyterian schools and Colleges of this state.

2. A special Committee on Educational Institutions is hereby appointed, one representative from each Presbytery, one for the Board of Aid for Colleges, and three members at large. The following persons shall constitute this committee for the ensuing year:

Rev Wm. S. Marquis, D. D., Chairman,
Elder D. A Knowlton
Rev E W. F. Holler,
" James W. Parkhill,
Rev. Edwin L. Lord,
Rev. C. B. McAffee, D. D.,
" H. K. Denlinger, D. D.,
Elder Nolan Best,

Rev. B. E. S. Ely, D. D.,
" J. D. McCaughtry, Ph. D.
Elder J. Ross Hanna,
Rev. John Allen Blair,
" Arthur M. Little, Ph. D,
" Chas. M. Brown, D.D.

This committee shall meet at once to organize and plan for its work. And as soon as possible it shall make public its general plans, and proceed to inform the people by literature, by public address and by other means that shall be deemed wise. The committee shall have power to fill vacancies and increase its number.

3. The committee shall devise suitable plans for meeting its own expenses.

4. The treasurer of synod is authorized to pay the $34.00 expenses already incurred by the committee.

The following table contains a summary of the conditions and work and needs of our several institutions:

PRESBYTERIAN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS OF ILLINOIS.

1902—1903.

	Blackburn	Illinois	Lake Forest	Geneseo	Union
Founded	1859	1830	1858	1884	1883
Faculty					
College	11	.....	17	.....	.....
Academy	5	.....	c 27 D	5	6
Music	2	.....	.....	3	.....
Total Faculty	13	14	44	8	6
Students					
College	32	62	132	.....	.....
Academy	43	a 117	c 194	105	46
Music	88	.....	.....	79	.....
Total Students	142	179	326	e 171	46
Property					
Grounds	$ 5,000			$ 6,000	$2,000
Equipment	10,000	$218,895	$ 779,326	2,000	1,400
Buildings	35,000			18,000	4,300
Endowment	20,000	239,569	633,213	15,000	17,860
Total Property	70,000	b 458,464	1,350,000	41,000	25,560
Income					
Fees and Tuition	2,323	.....	.....	18,000	1,256
Rent and Interest	2,001	.....	25,526	800	500
Board and Churches	760	.....	.....	1,200	841
Other Sources	10	.....	84,614	1,200	.....
Total Income	5,094	27,551	110,140	5,000	f 2,597
Current Expenses	7,200	26,457	110,000	5,000	2,597
Needs					
Repairs	.....	10,000	d 480,000	10,000	3,000
Equipment	5,000	5,000	d 70,000	.....	.....
New Buildings	20,000	50,000	d 150,000	40,000	15,000
Endowment	200,000	500,000	1,020,000	150,000	82,000
Total Needs	225,000	565,000	1,720,000	200,000	100,000

NOTES ON TABLE.

a. Includes Jacksonville Female Academy's 64 women and Whipple Academy's 53. The Woman's Academy also had 81 in conservatory, which is continued but not reported this year.

b. To these sums there ought in justice to be added, Grounds and Buildings of Female Academy $63,000, and $75,000 bequest of Dr. Jones of Jacksonville, not yet available. This would make total value of property $600,000, nearly.

c. Includes Faculty; Boys' School 9, Ferry Hall 18. Students; Boys' School, 76, Ferry Hall 118.

d College six new buildings, $180,000. Boys' School Gymnasium, $70,000. Ferry Hall Refectory, Dormitory, Gymnasium, three buildings, $150,000.

e. Omitting duplicates. A special Summer Normal was also held with 79 scholars and 6 teachers.

f. A special sum of $1,300 was raised by the friends of the institution and spent on repairs and improvements.

EDWIN L. LORD, CHAIRMAN.

The Committee on the minutes of the General Assembly, reported through the Rev. G. A. Pollock, Chairman. The report was received and the following recommendation adopted:

Your Committee would respectfully call the attention of Synod to the long period of time elapsing between the meeting of the Assembly in May and the appearance of the minutes in August, and further, your committee recommends that Synod express the hope that the causes for the delay in the publication of the Assembly Minutes, whether the responsibility therefor rests upon the Stated Clerk of the Assembly, the Stated Clerks of Presbyteries, or the Clerks of Sessions, be removed, and the minutes be placed in the hands of the ministers earlier in the year.

Your Committee also reports that the Overtures of last year from the Synod of Illinois were before the Assembly, and that the one on granting a letter of dismission to a minister (Min. Synod 1902, p. 82) was answered in the negative, and "that no action be taken at this time" was the answer to the one on Stated Supplies (Min Synod 1902, p. 78). The Minutes of the Synod of Illinois were approved without exception.

The Stated Clerk was instructed to send a telegram bidding God-speed to the Rev. Geo. Wm. Wright who sails to-morrow for the Phillipines as a Missionary under the Board of Foreign Missions.

The following telegram was sent: "Synod sends benediction and God-speed in your new work."

The invitation extended last evening to visit the Governor's home was accepted and the hour of adjournment fixed at 4:45 for that purpose.

The Committee on Finance presented its report as follows:

We have examined the Treasurer's report, checked off all vouchers, bank book and cash, and find the Treasurer's account correct. We recommend Synod's approval of his report. We also recommend an assessment of one cent per member for the contingent fund and a cent and one-eighth for the mileage fund.

The report, with recommendations, was adopted.

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer presents the following report on the Contingent Fund of the Synod from Oct. 21, 1902, to Oct. 1903:

RECEIPTS.

Received from the last Treasurer (Min. 1902, p. 103)	$191.73
Received from interest on deposit	10.75
Received from Treasurers of the Prsebyteries:	
Alton	48 50
Bloomington	78 22
Cairo	37.33
Chicago	227.18
Freeport	46 44
Mattoon	43 39
Ottawa	31.87
Peoria	55.96
Rock River	46.43
Schuyler	51.46
Springfield	55.39
Received from Women's F. M. Society for programs	1.00
" " Rev. A. R. Bickenbach for P & V Reports	1.50
Total Received	$927.15

DISBURSEMENTS

Dr. D. S. Johnson, The Blakely Printing Co., etc.	8.65
Danville Printing Co. Advance Reports	49.00
Rev. Geo. P. Williams, Stenographer and Postage	5 40
Dr. W. S. Marquis, Reports on Foreign Missions, 1902	11.65
Rev. A. R. Bickenbach, Com. on Pastorates and Vacancies, 1902	4.00
Rev. Marion Humphreys, Com. on Temperance, 1902	4.47
Telegram	1.25
Janitor of Hyde Park Church; Services, Communion, etc.	7.75
Printing 1135 Minutes	156.00
" Extra Reports	4.00
Postage for 958 Minutes	35.51
" " H. M. Rules and P. & V. Reports	.69

Express on Minutes and Records	3.90
Blanks for Young People's Work	15.63
Salary of Permanent Clerk	75.00
Salary of Stated Clerk	250.00
Letter heads, paper, envelopes, postage, Treasurer's book, etc.	9.40
500 Receipt Blanks	2 00
Cash on hand	282.85
	$927.15

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. J. E. RICHARDS, Treasurer.

Mileage Report for the Year 1902-1903.

The Treasurer presents the following mileage report for 1902-1903:

RECEIPTS.

Received from the last Treasurer,	$ 835.39
Received from Presbyteries,	
Alton	48.50
Bloomington	78.22
Cairo	37.33
Chicago	227.18
Freeport	46.44
Mattoon	43.39
Ottawa	31.87
Peoria	55.96
Rock River	46.43
Schuyler	51.46
Springfield	55.39
Total	1557.56

DISBURSEMENTS.

Alton Presbytery,	10	delegates,	$ 89.11
Bloomington "	17	"	76 03
Cairo "	11	"	113.36
Chicago "	9	"	13.95
Freeport "	12	"	41.51
Mattoon "	10	"	73.03
Ottawa "	8	"	23.87
Peoria "	11	"	60.68
Rock River "	12	"	68.92
Schuyler "	11	"	89.33
Springfield "	11	"	71.86
4 Chairmen of Committees and Clerk,			23.53

W. P. Association Agent 1902	20.75
Central P. Association 1903	11.00
Balance in Treasury Oct. 20, 1903	780.63
Total	1557.56

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. J. E. RICHARDS, TREASURER

The report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance was read by the Rev. T. W. Hynes, as follows:

Sabbath Observance.

Your Committee on Sabbath Observance is of the opinion that there is a fearfully growing and spreading sentiment and practice of Sabbath desecration. Many of our boys and young men are living largely without the restraints which Christian instruction and example will always teach to regard with reverence God's holy day. Railroad travel on the Sabbath and cheap "Sunday" excursions are exerting a mighty influence to destroy reverence for the Lord's day. Nearly all our railroad lines are offering a pecuniary bribe to our people to desecrate this "pearl of days." Added to this demoralizing and destructive influence is the Sunday mail and the Sunday newspaper, both antagonistic to church attendance, and diverting the thoughts from everything sacred in time, place, person or worship. And it is a sad thought that many church members are drifting into these worldly ways, and aiding in these plain and positive breaches of the Divine law. The sin and evil of these Sunday excursions are seen in the transportation of the Godless, irreverent and pleasure-seeking populace of the cities, and flooding of our villages and rural districts with visitors that hinder and prevent church attendance of many with whom they are guests—and when the current is toward the cities taking our people from their home duties and from all public service in the sanctuary. This trio—Sunday travel, Sunday mails and Sunday newspapers—are hostile, not only to God's law, but also to home, to church, to good morals and to civil government. Judged by the Divine rule, "By their fruits ye shall know them," we can expect, if these evil tendencies are not thwarted by Christian people, the overthrow and destruction of the American Sabbath and the secular and Godless "Continental" "Sunday" of European countries in its stead. In Isaiah 58: 13, these sins are fully portrayed and the rich blessing to the obedient in the 14th verse. If we are "to ride upon the high places of the earth and be fed with the heritage of Jacob our father, we must remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."

This Synod is pained to hear that the State Fair at Springfield has been opened on the Sabbath a few days since. We earnestly protest against such a desecration of the Christian Sabbath.

In view of the fact that the gates of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition are to be closed on the First Day of the week, we esteem the opening of the Illinois State Fair on Sunday as a backward step, and wholly at variance with our civil and religious institutions, and with the better moral sentiment of this state and of the country at large:

RESOLVED that a committee of two elders be appointed to present this action to the Illinois State Board of Agriculture, and to co operate with such committees as may be appointed by other ecclesiastical bodies in their efforts to prevent the repeating of this violation of the divine law by an organization which is so liberally supported by public funds.

THOS. W. HYNES, CHAIRMAN.

The report was received and the recommendation adopted with the following additional amendment:

We strongly condemn the reading of Sabbath newspapers, the use of Sabbath trains and all kindred forms of Sabbath desecration on the part of Christian people, and we earnestly urge all Presbyterians within the Synod to abstain from the use of such things.

The report of the Committee on Leave of Absence presented by the Rev. H. W. Burger, was adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Leave of Absence report as follows: We excused Wednesday afternoon Revs. T. D. Wallace, M. Bross Thomas, G. P. Williams, W. R. Notman, L P. Cain, C T. Edwards, James Benson, J. H. Rose, A. Kalohn, and Elder Robert Peel.

We excused up to 3 p. m. Thursday Revs. N. H. G. Fife, J. A. Gehrett, J. A. Blair, D. K Campbell, A. J. VanPage, A. R. DesJardien, W. S. P. Bryan, W. J. McCaughan, J. C K. McClure, S W. Chidester, J. W. McGowan, L. H. Schock, J. C. Sefton, H. W. Marshall, E. W. F. Holler, R. D. Kearns, and Elders J. W. Porter, Thos. Donnell, Nolan R. Best, G. E. Newcomb, D. G. McCulloh, E. L. Terry, T. R McDonald, J. E. Boden and Wm. H. Hayden.

H. W. BURGER, CHAIRMAN.

The following report of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence presented by the Rev. D. G. Carson, was approved:

Systematic Beneficence.

Your Committee on Systematic Beneficence beg to report as follows:

The standard of systematic beneficence is a banner with this inscription: "An annual and proportionate offering from each member of each church for each Board of the church." This takes for granted the loyal and adequate

support of the local work of our respective churches, which comes within the broader meaning of our subject.

The vital importance of the business side of church work must be evident to all. Whatever may have been the condition in apostolic times, the support and extension of Christ's cause in these days call for money. And with the work of the church organized as it is, the results attained are pretty nearly in proportion to the amount of money we put into the work. The benevolent agencies of the church are all limited and crippled by a lack of funds. Double the present amount of money could be used to advantage by our Boards with little or no increase of administrative expense.

To bring our churches up to the proper standard a campaign of education is necessary. They should be instructed carefully in the duty of proportionate giving as set forth in I Corinthians xvi:1,2. They should be taught the still higher principle of Christian stewardship, and informed concerning the aims, opportunities and needs of the several Boards. Sermons and statements by the pastor may well be supplemented with the leaflets furnished by the Asembly's committee on Systematic Beneficence, and with those published by the Boards from time to time. These leaflets may be had for the asking, as every pastor knows, and their liberal use would do much to stimulate the liberality of our churches. Let us give them a fair trial.

When we come to examine the record of the Synod along the line of beneficence at once it becomes evident that the ideal inscribed upon our banner has not yet been attained. In fact after eliminating the individual giver, and proportionate giving, we find that we come far short of the low standard of an annual offering from each church for each Board. In fact but few more than half of our churches contributed to all the Boards, while 46 left all the benevolent columns blank. In all there was a shortage of 1,023 offerings, and too many of these in certain of our strong churches.

The table appended below deals with the Synod's benevolences exclusively. The figures are taken from the statistical tables of the Assembly's Minutes; and while they are in the main correct, the fact that legacies and unusual gifts are included vitiates the result for our purposes. At least this is true of the Presbytery of Springfield, whose leadership is more apparent than real. It is to be noted with satisfaction that the "loss" column is blank from top to bottom. By a curious coincidence Mattoon reports exactly the same amount this year as last.

This table certainly shows that there is a lack of system in gathering our offerings. We do not ask for a uniform method throughout the Synod, but surely each church can adopt some plan by which each member may have the opportunity to contribute to each Board, and then work that plan.

Respectfully submitted,

D. G. CARSON, CHAIRMAN.

Table Showing the Synod's Unsystematic Beneficence.

Presbytery.	Churches	8 offerings	7 offerings	6 offerings	5 offerings	4 offerings	3 offerings	2 offerings	1 offering	No offering	Total 1903	Total 1902	Gain	Loss	Am't per member	Per cent of offerings	Shortage of offerings
Alton	49	33	...	1	1	.....	2	2	5	5	$ 5 275	$ 4,934	$ 341	.....	$1 08	74	102
Bloomington	54	28	6	2	2	3	4	2	2	5	20.816	16,057	4,749	.....	2 61	72	128
Cairo	42	19	1	5	.....	4	4	2	3	4	5,695	4,384	1,311	.....	1.52	66	112
Chicago	91	59	4	4	3	6	5	5	3	2	143,565	139.952	3,613	.....	6.10	81	137
Freeport	30	18	1	4	.....	3	2	.....	1	1	9,170	8,936	234	.....	1.85	86	46
Mattoon	34	13	2	3	1	6	1	.....	2	6	6 747	6,747	.....	.....	1.53	62	102
Ottawa	23	7	3	2	1	2	1	.....	.....	7	3,191	3,001	190	.....	1.05	59	79
Peoria	38	19	3	3	2	.....	2	.....	3	6	10,227	8,742	1,485	.....	1.79	69	94
Rock River	36	20	5	.....	2	2	2	2	.....	3	10,327	9,187	1,140	.....	2.23	77	65
Schuyler	41	23	3	3	1	3	4	1	1	2	8,712	8,576	136	.....	1.70	77	73
Springfield	33	15	4	2	2	1	1	3	1	5	66,272	10,581	55,691	.....	9 65	67	85
Synod	471	254	32	29	15	30	27	17	21	46	289,987	221,097	68,890	.....	3.98	72	1023

The Rev. A. R. Bickenbach presented the report of the Committee on Pastorates and Vacancies. It was, after amendment, adopted as follows:

Pastorates and Vacancies.

INTRODUCTION. First of all a question. What was the original purpose of this Committee?

A careful and unprejudiced study of the actions taken by the Synod of Illinois during the past 3 years will easily convince the most skeptical that the originating and dominant thought in the appointment of this Committee (for it is an *appointed* Committee) was the development of the Pastoral relation and the encouragement of its permanency, as against the manifestly multiplied recognition of the Stated Supply relation with its attending restlessness.

Toward this work the Committee have turned themselves with constant harmony, with united support, and with some measure of success. Some difficulties have been overcome, and as a result, some pastorates exist today in the state, where but for the work of the Committee, the supply arrangement would still be seen.

But not a little confusion exists throughout the state, and not a little added burden has been placed upon the Committee by the addition of another word to its title, which has suggested to many that the creative and dominant thought in the appointment of this Committee was that it should serve as Synod's representative in the development of the General Assembly's plan of Vacancy and Supply. We regret the confusion and the embarrassed labor. We merely call attention to it here. The result we state later.

The committee is required to report upon three matters (Standing Rule No. 10, a. b. c.) We combine a and b under one head of—

I. General information concerning *(1)* the number and condition of vacant churches and *(2)* concerning pastoral and stated supply relations.

I. VACANCIES. Eighty-nine Churches (representing 7345 members) are marked Vacant in the General Assembly Minutes of 1903. These 7345 members are distributed in Presbyteries as follows:

Alton Presbytery	506	Freeport Pres'y	110	Rock River Pres'y	252
Bloomington "	898	Mattoon "	483	Schuyler "	421
Cairo "	520	Ottawa "	196	Springfield "	385
Chicago "	3228	Peoria "	346		

The 89 churches represent membership as follows:—

47	churches	with	membership	from	1	to	49
13	"	"	"	"	50	"	74
11	"	"	"	"	75	"	99
9	"	"	"	"	100	"	149
2	"	"	"	"	150	"	199
2	"	"	"	"	200	"	299
3	"	"	"	"	300	"	413
2	"	"	"	"	749	"	766

These 89 churches are distributed in Presbyteries as follows, and were marked in 1902 as indicated.

	No.	P	S S	V
Alton	7	2	2	3
Bloomington	11	3	4	4
Cairo	12	2	5	5
Chicago	13	11	2	
Freeport	3		2	1
Mattoon	7	2	5	
Ottawa	4	1		3
Peoria	10	1	5	4
Rock River	5	2	2	1
Schuyler	7	1	5	1
Springfield	10	1	6	3
Totals	89	26	38	25

By suggested comparison the 55 Vacancies of 1902 have been changed as follows during the year.

	No.	P	SS	V	Drop'd
Alton	10		7	3	
Bloomington	6		2	4	
Cairo	9	1	2	5	1
Chicago	0				
Freeport	3	2		1	
Mattoon	0				
Ottawa	3			3	
Peoria	4			4	
Rock River	9	7	1	1	
Schuyler	4		3	1	
Springfield	7	1	2	3	1
	55	11	17	25	2

2. PASTORATES. For conveying information concerning the proper recognition of the Pastoral Relation, two tables are presented. Table A is intended to reveal the attitude of the Ministers, and Table B the attiude of the Churches toward the Pastorate as the proper Presbyterian relation. Both of these tables are based upon the statistical tables in the General Asembly Minutes of 1902.

TABLE A.—Showing MINISTERIAL Register for Synod of Illinois and also comparisons between Ministerial and Church registers regarding Pastorates and stated supplies.

(In this table no minister is counted twice. P. or S. S. is given priority over all additional occupations, and "P. and S. S." is counted as Pastor. We recommend this table to your careful study, only regretting that in some Presbyteries the loyalty of so large a part of its ministry to Presbyterian polity should seem to be called into serious question.)

TABLE B.—Showing CHURCH Register.

A comparison of four years shows the following record of pastors and stated supplies in the Church Register:

1900....235 Pastors to 173 stated supplies.

1901....240 Pastors to 163 stated supplies.

1902....247 pastors to 172 stated supplies.

1903....245 pastors to 137 stated supplies and comparing this with the corresponding record under Table A of the Ministerial Register, the fact certainly does not all nor primarily seem to be with the churches.

TABLE A.

1902—1903. PRESBYTERY.		No. of Churches	Vacant	No. of Ministers	Pastors	Associate Pastors P. Emeritus.	Pastor Elect	Stated Supply	Evangelist	Honorably Retired	In Transitu	Missionary, H. M. Ch. M., P.M., S.M.	Foreign Mission'ry	Editor, Teacher, Pres., Prof.	Sec., Supt., Agt., Chaplain.	W. C.	(Blank)	Suspended
Alton	M.	....	....	34	7	....	1	19	....	1	....	....	....	1	....	5	....	....
	Ch.	49	7	....	9	....	1	32	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Bloomington	M.	....	....	56	27	....	2	7	4	2	....	....	....	1	....	6	7	....
	Ch.	54	11	....	28	....	4	11	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Cairo	M.	....	....	29	11	....	5	8	....	3	1	....	....	....	....	1	....	....
	Ch.	42	12	....	13	....	5	12	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Chicago	M.	....	....	153	67	3	....	12	11	8	9	....	6	16	7	10	3	1
	Ch.	91	13	....	63	3	1	14	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....
Freeport	M.	....	....	36	22	....	1	2	3	3	....	....	1	1	....	3	....	....
	Ch.	30	3	....	23	....	1	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Mattoon	M.	....	....	27	7	1	1	12	....	3	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
	Ch.	34	7	....	7	....	2	18	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Ottawa	M.	....	....	28	9	1	5	1	3	1	1	....	2	1	....	4	....	....
	Ch.	23	4	....	9	....	6	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Peoria	M.	....	....	41	21	....	1	2	2	1	2	....	3	1	2	6	....	....
	Ch.	38	10	....	22	....	2	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Rock River	M.	....	....	35	14	1	5	5	1	3	....	....	....	1	....	5	....	....
	Ch.	36	5	....	15	....	8	8	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Schuyler	M.	....	....	33	9	....	2	16	....	2	....	1	....	....	....	3	....	....
	Ch.	41	7	....	9	....	2	23	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Springfield	M,	....	....	29	14	....	1	6	....	2	....	....	....	2	1	3	....	....
	Ch.	33	10	....	14	....	1	8	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Total	M.	....	....	501	208	6	24	90	24	29	16	1	12	24	10	46	10	1
	Ch.	471	89	....	212	....	33	137	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....

A comparison of four years shows the following record of Pastors and Stated Supplies in the Ministerial register—a record that speaks for itself. 1900—210 Pastors to 97 Stated Supplies. 1901—222 P's to 102 S. S. 1902—228 P.'s to 92 S. S. 1903—208 P.'s to 90 S. S

TABLE B—showing recognition by Presbyterian CHURCHES in Illinois of the PASTORAL RELATION. In this table P–E. is of course counted as P, the church having declared its intention.

PRESBYTERY		CHURCH MEMBERSHIP. 1—49	50–74	75–99	100-149	150-199	200-299	300&over	TOTALS P.	S. S.	V.	No. of Ch's
Alton	P.	1	2	1	3			3	10			
	S.S.	9	9	5	4	3	2			32		49
	V.	3	2	1				1			7	
Bloomington	P.	4	1	2	6	8	6	5	32			
	S.S.	4	3	1	3					11		54
	V.	7			3			1			11	
Cairo	P.		1	5	4	4	4		18			
	S.S.	5	4	3						12		42
	V.	6	3	3							12	
Chicago	P.		3	6	14	9	9	23	64			
	S.S.	5	3	3	2		1			14		91
	V.	1	1	3	2	1	1	4			13	
Freeport	P.	2	2	3	4	6	1	6	24			
	S.S.		1	2						3		30
	V.	2	1								3	
Mattoon	P.			2		2	2	3	9			
	S S.	7	2	2	4	1	2			18		34
	V.	1	3	2	1						7	
Ottawa	P.	1	1	4	1	4	3	1	15			
	S.S.	2			1	1				4		23
	V.	3				1					4	
Peoria	P.	1	2	1	4	6	6	4	24			
	S.S.	1	1		2					4		38
	V.	9			1						10	
Rock River	P.		4	4	3	5	2	5	23			
	S.S.	5	1	1	1					8		36
	V.	4									5	
Schuyler	P.			1	1	3	2	4	11			
	S.S.	8	8	3	1	3				23		41
	V.	3	2	1	1						7	
Springfield	P.		2	1	2	2	1	7	15			
	S.S.	1	2	4			1			8		33
	V.	8	1	1							10	
Synod of Illinois	P.	9	18	30	42	49	36	61	245			
	S.S	48	34	24	8	8	6	0		137		471
	V.	47	14	11	9	2	2	5			89	

Again we notice, as last year, for encouragement, (1) no S. S. in the state in churches having 300 or more members, and (2) in the Synod as the churches increase in size, they increase in pastoral devotion, and decrease decidedly in the supply business.

II. Recommendations (suggested by c. of Rule 10.)

1. In matters affecting the General Assembly:

(1.) An overture on the elimination of the designation W. C.

Whereas in the Statistical tables of the Minutes of the General Assembly the designations S. S. and Ev. are often used to save worthy ministers from the ungracious and altogether unnecessary placard of W. C., while others similarly circumstanced are left without any designation, *the Synod of Illinois respectfully overtures the General Assembly* to make such changes in its rules (adopted by G. A. in 1891) for Stated Clerks of Presbyteries, as shall altogether eliminate the designation W. C. from its statistical tables.

(This will further tend to honestly conserve "Ev." for its originally intended use.)

(2) An overture on the limitation of the use of the designation "S. S."

Whereas, the designation "S. S." is used in the statistical tables of the General Assembly (1) to designate *ministers* of a Presbytery who serve churches as supplies for longer or shorter periods of time; and (2) to designate *churches* that are served for longer or shorter periods of time by—ministers who are members of the Presbytery, and by ministers who are not members of that Presbytery, and by students who are not ministers at all; and-

Whereas, secondly, the General Assembly of 1903 has defined a vacant church to be "a church or congregation which has not a pastor duly installed or a regular supply appointed by Presbytery" and has thereby recognized and resuscitated the relation formerly recognized in the term "minister" as distinguished from pastor;

Therefore, believing that the continuous and miscellaneous use of "S. S." in its statistical tables is working increasing harm to the establishment and maintenance of the pastoral relation; believing further that (according to Rule 3 General Assembly Minutes 1903, p. 349d) the appointing power of Presbytery will be clearly seen when the name of a church is placed opposite the name of a minister not its pastor, *the Synod of Illinois hereby respectfully overtures the General Assembly* to so amend its rules (adopted in 1891) for stated clerks of Presbyteries as shall limit the use of "S. S." altogether to churches that shall be served for longer or shorter periods of time by those outside the ministerial membership of its Presbytery.

(3) In the faith that such action on the part of the General Assembly will do much to stimulate a growing formation of the pastoral relation, your committee would further recommend that Synod appoint a committee of—— who shall properly present and prosecute these overtures before the Assembly.

2. Recommendations in matters affecting Synod or its Presbyteries:

Your committee begs leave to report that the "plan" submitted to Synod last year, and by Synod referred to Presbyteries for consideration at the

spring meetings, has not met with general favor or adoption. Bloomington, Freeport, Rock River and Schuyler Presbyteries adopted the plan, and without waiting the further action of Synod have appointed committees more or less in harmony with its suggestions. The reports since received from these committees are not encouraging, and the failure of even a majority of the Presbyteries to adopt the plan of course renders it inoperative as a Synodical plan even in these Presbyteries. * * * * We, therefore, suggest a new plan and we hope for its unanimous adoption.

Believing the interests of the Pastoral relation will, by the careful attention of Presbyteries to the rules already adopted and by the changes asked from the Assembly, be fully conserved and stimulated, *we recommend* that Standing Rule No. 10 be hereby rescinded, and the Committee on Pastorates and Vacancies be discharged.

All of which is respectfully submitted by the Committee.

A. R. Bickenbach, Chairman, Ottawa Presbytery.
Elisha Safford, Alton Presbytery.
Geo. E. Hunt, Bloomington
R. S. Stevenson, Cairo.
Geo. P. Williams, Chicago.
John Henry Boose, Freeport.
L. K. Grimes, Mattoon.
C. T. Edwards, D. D., Peoria.
Wm. S. Marquis, D. D., Rock River.
Edwin M. Clingan, Schuyler.
Geo. B. Hemenway, Springfield.

The Treasurer of Synod was instructed to reimburse the Committee on Pastorates and Vacancies the sum of $2.40.

The Rev. T. D. Logan reported for the Committee on Nominating Permanent Committees of Synod and the report was adopted as follows:

Permanent Committees for one year—(1)—*The Spiritual Life of the Church*—C. B. McAfee, J. M. Duer, W. C. Snider, F. O. Seamans, F. A. Hosmer, J. D. McCaughtry, A. M. Little, R. E. Fleming, E. M. Clingan, A. B. Morey, J. A. Blair. (2)—*Christian Education*—W. S. P. Bryan, W. H. Bradley, Geo. E. Hunt, R. S. Stevenson, W. I. Alexander, G. A. Pollock, John Weston, S. S. Cryor, W. R. King, C. W. Barnes, O. H. Carmichael. (3)—*The Youth of the Church*—W. Francis Irwin, Wm. Parsons, S C Black, C. E. Fisk, C. H. Johnson, A. J. Van Page, D. K. Campbell, W. H. Foulkes, H B. Allen, J. M. Eakens, F. P. Miller. (4)—*General Church Work*—H. K. Denlinger, H. K. Sanborne, J. T. M. Knox, D. C. Milner, T. R. White, T. H. Allen, W. H. Mason, W. V. Jeffreys, A F. Ernst, D. G. Carson, S. M. Morton.

It was ordered that the Chairmen of these Committees be authorized to fill vacancies which may occur.

The order of the day, the consideration of the report of the Home Missions Committee, was announced. Mr. John Willis Baer, representing the Board of Home Missions, was introduced to the Synod, and the courtesy of the floor extended to him.

The report with the added resolutions and recommendation was adopted as a whole as follows:

Report on Home Missions.

Your committee on Home Missions takes great satisfaction in reporting that there has been a steady advance all along the line in the efforts of our Church to carry the gospel into every portion of our country. The last General Assembly met on the Pacific coast, in a region where nearly all our Churches owe their origin to Home Mission work. Under these circumstances it was natural that there should have been much enthusiasm in a cause which appeals alike to religion and patriotism. For the fourth successive year, the Board of Home Missions was able to report that it had no indebtedness. The entire receipts for the year ending March 31, 1903, were $816,351.94. When there is added to this the amounts raised by the self-supporting Synods for the work within their own bounds, the grand total reaches $1,000,533,40. Two additional Synods, Iowa and Wisconsin, have undertaken self-support. The Board of Home Missions fully recognizes the value of work carried on under direct Synodical control, as is done in the Synod of Illinois. In its report to the General Assembly it says: "The various plans of these Synods have their unity in equal loyalty to the general work of Home Missions, and their success along various lines is hailed by the Board with the liveliest satisfaction. It will welcome the tidings that other Synods are joining the same noble ranks, and it will co operate with them to the full extent of its power." For the first time the Board prints a table in which the contributions of the Churches to Synodical work are added to the contribuiions sent to the Board, thus presenting in its unity the full work of Home Missions. A study of this table, which is found on pp. 262, 263 of the report of the Board, enables us to determine the relative standing of the Synod of Illinois when judged by her per capita contributions to this cause. New Jersey heads the list with $1.09, Baltimore is next with .99, then New York with .85. Illinois comes in fourth with .74 Most of the comparisons hitherto made have been on the basis of the figures reported in the Minutes of the General Assembly; but ever since the present plan was adopted by the Synod of Illinois we have insisted that the money actually received by the Board, and by the Presbyterial and Synodical treasurers is the only proper index of what is be-

ing done through the organized agencies of the Church. It is believed that the work will be greatly benefitted by being reported on a strictly business basis.

By a resolution of the General Assembly, the Board of Home Missions has been directed "to designate an officer to have oversight of mission work among the foreign speaking peoples in this country in all the Synods directly connected with the Board, and also to co operate with Synodical and Presbyterial Committees of Home Missions when such judicatories have their own Home Mission work." Your committee has appointed the Rev. George P. Williams, Superintendent of Missions in the Presbytery of Chicago, to represent the Synod of Illinois in a conference upon this important subject which has been called by the Board. We trust it will lead to more extended efforts amongst the foreign speaking population of this state as well as of the country at large

We note with satisfaction the appointment of Mr. John Willis Baer as an Assistant Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, and we anticipate an increased interest in this great cause through the agency of one who has been so closely identified with the young and vigorous life of the Church.

The Rev. Charles Stelzle of St. Louis, who has been prominent by his writings and preaching to working men, has been engaged by the Board to lead in a movement for working people in a number of our western cities. We shall gladly welcome him to our Synod, and we trust that his efforts will result in bringing the sturdy manhood of the country into closer fellowship with Christ and his Church.

The work done through the agency of the Woman's Board deserves special mention. The sum of $444 100 has been raised for the educational work of the Church, the largest in its history In the schools 759 persons have been led to give themselves to Christ, and to consecrate their lives to his service. Several Churches have been organized as the result of the school work, and a portion of the offerings of the women goes to the evangelistic work of the Board. Your committee is grateful for the help of the women in our own state work. Boxes of clothing have been sent to our missionaries whenever application was made through the proper channel. The Secretary for Young People's work has co-operated with us in securing the contributions of the Young People's Societies for Synodical Home Missions as well as for the Woman's Board The entire contributions of the Woman's Synodical Home Mission Societies of Illinois as reported by the Treasurer of the Home Board, are $19,997.82.

A general summary of Home Mission work within our own Synod is given in the accompanying tabulated statement This shows an increase of $864 in the amount contributed, and passing through the hands of the Presbyterial Treasurers. On the other hand there has been a decrease of $3,400 in the amount expended in supporting our own missionaries. This decrease is principally in Chicago, where $1,139 less than the previous year was expended in support of the local work. There was also considerable reduction of expenditure throughout the Synod, notably in the Presbytery of Cairo, which drew but $100 of the $400 appropriated by the Synodical Committee, increased its own contri-

butions by $214, and spent $524 less on its field. In Mattoon there was a reduction in expenditure of $541. Where these reductions were made possible by an increased amount raised by the assisted Churches, it is a most encouraging indication; but it is feared that in some instances it represents a failure to keep the weak Churches fully supplied with the means of grace. Yet only 36 unsupplied Churches are reported against 50 the previous year. Grouping of Churches has been done to a greater extent than formerly, 76 Churches being supplied in this way against 66 the previous year. In many instances very weak Churches have been supplied by neighboring ministers with but little if any compensation. Our work still indicates greater self-denial on the part of the laborers than on the part of the Church in giving of its substance. There has not been the increase in contributions which the prosperous times warranted us in expecting The average per member throughout the Synod has risen from .44 to .45. Cairo has increased .08, Alton .06, Freeport, Ottawa and Peoria .02. Bloomington reports the same as last year, while Rock River has lost .06, Springfield .10, Mattoon .01, Schuyler .03, and Chicago .01 per member. It is worthy of note that the largest increase is in the Presbyteries doing thelargest amount of missionary work. There is some reason to believe that the unfavorable showing is due to the diversion of funds from the regular channels of Church benevolence. The reports of the Churches, as given in the Minutes of the General Assembly, show that $30,136 were contributed to Home Missions which did not pass through the hands of our Presbyterial Treasurers, or of the Woman's Board or of the Home Board. This is $8,141 more than last year. Some of this represents the value of missionary boxes, and the support of Church mission schools, but a large amount is still unacconnted for. Your committee feel that the system under which we are working in this Synod has so thoroughly proved its economy and efficiency that we can reasonably insist that the Churches send a larger share of their contributions through this authorized channel.

Having no salaried Superintendent or Agent, our work is done by pastors already burdened by their own Church duties, and by business men who contribute their time and services. It has been suggested that we appoint a Superintendent of Missions, such as is employed in other Synods. Your committee has hesitated to take this step because of the expense involved, unless we can have the assurance that it will result in an increase of revenue. We invite the Synod to express its opinion on this matter, and to criticize with the utmost freedom all our plans and methods.

Our Synodical Missionary, Rev. John H. Rose, labored in the weak Churches of the Synod until July 1st, when he declined to accept reappointment The services of this brother date back almost to the commencement of the present system. He has encouraged the hearts and upheld the hands of the brethren in the weaker Churches all over the state It has been his office to "strengthen the things that remain and are ready to die;" and many a Church is flourishing to-day that would have been abandoned had it not been for his assistance in

the time of need Through his labors as an evangelist, many precious souls have been brought into saving fellowship with Christ and his Church The exposure and strain incident to this long continued service told on his health and strength, and he was laid aside for a time; but we rejoice in his recovery, and trust that he will have many years of usefulness in the service of the Master.

Pending some possible changes in methods of work, your committee has not seen the way clearly to appoint a Synodical Missionary. The Presbytery of Bloomington has employed a pastor-at-large to take charge of Churches not otherwise supplied, and has found the plan to work well, the expense to the committee being $664. Other Presbyteries are considering the matter, and may adopt similar plans The stronger Presbyteries can easily do this; but the problem is how to sustain such pastors-at-large in Presbyteries which are just able to sustain their own Churches, and in those which need some assistance from the Synodical Committee. If the Churches would give us more money we could employ a Synodical Superintendent, and place a man in several of the Presbyteries to the great benefit of the work

RESOLVED (1)—That the Home Mission Presbyteries of Cairo and Alton be especially commended for their efforts to reach self support, the former with firm resolve striving to raise a minimum of $40 per member, and the latter urging its self-supporting churches to raise at least $1.00 per member for this cause; and that we urge the whole Synod to emulate their spirit, and to furnish the funds necessary for our advanced plans.

RESOLVED (2)—That we approve of the Suggestion of the Home Mission Committee to employ a Synodical Superintendent, and two or three pastors-at-large as soon as the funds will warrant these steps.

(3)—We recommend that the following overture be sent down to the Presbyteries, viz. That all vacant churches be advised to adopt, as a wise financial policy, some method of collecting their regular subscriptions to all the great causes of the church, and especially to that of Home Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS D LOGAN, CHAIRMAN.

Summary of Home Missions Work, Synod of Illinois.

For the year ending October 1, 1903.

PRESBYTERIES.	Total 1902	Total 1903	Alton	Bloomington.	Cairo	Chicago	Freeport	Mattoon	Ottawa	Peoria	Rock River	Schuyler	Springfield
Missionaries	112	104	7	7	10	38	6	8	4	4	6	7	7
Assisted Churches and Missions	147	140	17	9	16	34	7	12	5	6	7	18	9
Assisted in Groups	66	76	13	4	11	2	2	8	2	4	2	12	4
Number of Groups	31	29	5	2	5	1	1	4	1	2	1	5	2
Mem. in Home Mission Churches	9,769	9,931	928	584	951	3,935	463	606	359	417	317	870	501
Added by Profession	1,341	1,017	100	68	84	533	14	42	5	51	11	39	70
Added by Certificate	549	378	41	12	18	218	10	13	9	15	10	16	16
Adult Baptisms	482	352	42	29	34	123	2	38	8	16	5	29	26
Infant Baptisms	409	412	42	18	42	236	8	13	6	12	7	18	10
Amount or Aid Given	$28,907	25,507	1,333	1,734	1,056	15,983	747	799	485	554	812	1,214	790
H. M. Churches giving to Syn. H. M.	.....	120	17	9	12	4	5	8	4	2	7	14	8
To Boards of the Church	$6 051	6,747	414	413	588	2,817	350	413	349	339	117	475	415
Whole Number of Churches	467	469	49	54	42	90	30	34	24	37	33	41	32
Churches Self-supporting	293	291	29	31	16	56	23	22	15	24	29	23	20
Churches Not Supplied	50	36	3	6	10	.....	.....	3	1	4	2	7	.....
Churches Giving to Synod H. M.	399	396	44	47	35	87	26	23	17	26	32	32	27
Am't from Ch's. and other Sources	$32,376	33,240	1,317	2,833	1,398	20,784	1,235	683	595	1,045	682	1,376	1,892
Average per Member	.44	.45	.29	.29	.37	.88	.25	.16	.20	.18	.19	.26	.20
Churches not giving this way	65	73	5	7	7	3	4	11	7	11	4	9	5
Churches giving to Home Board	57	45	2	6	3	4	4	6	.....	5	8	6	1
Amount	$800	713	18	26	11	185	51	92	.....	182	113	29	5
Total for Home Mission Churches	$33,176	33,953	1,335	2,349	1,409	20,970	1,286	775	595	1,227	795	1,405	1,807
Churches giving to Woman's Board	305	310	20	35	20	75	23	29	15	21	29	26	26
Amount for Home Mission Schools	$20,977	19,993	543	1,677	316	10,076	853	602	294	1,191	1,356	869	1,920
Total for H. M. Churches and Schools	$54,153	53,950	1,878	4,026	1,725	31,046	2,139	1,377	889	2,718	2,151	2274	3,727
Other Home Mission Offerings	$21,935	30,136	59	3,786	115	18,763	750	1,353	448	1,165	2,304	945	448
Grand total for Home Missions	$76,148	84,086	1,937	7,812	1,840	49,809	2,889	2,730	1,337	3,883	4,455	3,219	4,175
Y. P. Societies giving to Syn. H. M's.	.....	71	11	6	20	2	2	1	9	1	4	10	6
Amount	$303	734	131	103	133	106	20	3	75	5	10	68	50
Churches Reaching Self-support	9	13	2	.....	.....	3	.....	2	.....	.....	1	.....	4
Cost of Administration	$704 48	736 61	12 65	5 68	10 20	601 23	36.00	6.25	17.59	16.75	4.40	10.00	15.95

The Report of the Treasurer of the Home Mission Committee was approved as follows:

The Treasurer of the Synodical Home Mission Committee submits the following report:

I. TREASURY OF THE SYNODICAL COMMITTEE.

October 1, 1902, to September 30, 1903.

I—RECEIPTS.

PRESBYTERIES.	From Presbyterial Treasurers.	From Synodical Missionary J. H. Rose.	From Churches and Y.P.S.C.E.	Total
Alton	$.	$ 94.34	$	$ 94.34
Bloomington	450.00	11.51	* 5.00	466.51
Cairo	.....	115.00	.....	115.00
Chicago	1966.45	.....	.....	1966.45
Freeport	500.00	.....	.....	500.00
Mattoon	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ottawa	50.00	10.00	.....	60.00
Peoria	350.00	68.00	.....	418.00
Rock River	50.00	.....	§ 7.00	57.00
Schuyler	150.00	22.17	.....	172.17
Springfield	600.00	20.00	.....	620.00
Total	$4116.45	$ 341.02	$ 12.00	$ 4469.47
October 1, 1902, Balance Cash on Hand				100.91
Total Receipts				$4570 38

* Y. P. S. C. E. Fairbury $5 00.

§ Y. P. S. C. E. Edgington $3.00. Savauna Church $4.00

II.—DISBURSEMENTS.

Administration Expenses.	Printing, etc.	$ 6.00	
" "	Postage, etc.	26.70	
" "	Committee Meetings	122.96	$ 155.66
Grants to Presbyteries.	Cairo	100.00	
Synodical Missionary, Rev. John H. Rose		1125.00	1225.00
N. Y. Board, General Work Designated by Chicago Presbytery		1966.45	
N. Y. Board, General Work Synodical Committee		700.00	2666.45
Total Disbursements			4047.11
Balance Cash on Hand Sept. 30, 1903			523 27
			$4570.38

II. Treasuries of the Presbyterial Committees.

October 1, 1902—September 30, 1903.

1—RECEIPTS.

PRESBYTERIES	Churches	Sunday School	Y.P.S.C.E.	Other Sources	Bal. on hand Oct. 1, 1903.	Total.
Alton	1096 58	63 25	130 83	a 26 00	372 69	1689 35
Bloomington	2108 32	120 43	103 00		e —8 32	2323 43
Cairo	1015 87	48 75	133 20	b 200 00	75 91	1473 73
*Chicago	18977 77	259 40	106 50	c1440 00	6762 44	27546 11
Freeport	1088 44	126 54	20 00		104 55	1339 53
Mattoon	664 69	15 00	3 00		504 56	1187 25
Ottawa	435 11	85 03	74 55		153 29	747 98
Peoria	1004 15	36 61	4 65		200 29	1245 70
Rock River	559 56	82 13	40 44		241 56	923 69
Schuyler	1176 93	130 16	67 70	c 1 00	479 72	1855 51
Springfield	1054 75	36 93	50 42	d 660 00	613 14	2415 24
Total	29182 17	1004 23	734 29	2327 00	9499 83	42747 52

* Chicago reports April 1, 1902 to April 1, 1903. a. $25.00 Individual, $1.00 Woman's Society. b. Individual $100, Synodical Grant $100. c. Individuals. d. Interest on Bergen Fund. e. Overdraft Oct. 1, 1902.

2. DISBURSEMENTS.

PRESBYTERIES	Towards Salaries of Missionaries	Synodical Home Miss. Treas.	Administrat'n Expenses	Total Expended	Bal. Sept. 30, 1903.	Total
Alton	1332 6		12 65	1345 25	344 10	1689 35
Bloomington	*1734 07	450 00	5 68	2189 75	133 68	2323 43
Cairo	1055 87		10 20	1066 07	407 66	1473 73
Chicago§	†15983 41	‡1966 45	601 23	18551 09	8995 02	27546 11
Freeport	747 50	500 00	36 00	1283 50	56 03	1339 53
Mattoon	798 75		6 25	805 00	382 25	1187 25
Ottawa	484 67	50 00	17 50	552 17	195 81	747 98
Peoria	554 40	350 00	16 75	921 15	324 55	1245 70
Rock River	812 50	50 00	4 40	866 90	56 79	923 69
Schuyler	1213 73	150 00	10 05	1373 78	481 73	1855 51
Springfield	789 74	600 00	15 95	1405 69	1009 55	2415 24
Total	25507 24	4116 45	736 66	30360 35	12388 17	42747 52

* Includes $664 70 for Presbyterial Missionary. § Chicago reports April to April.
† Missionaries $14,990.25, Maintaining Missions, fuel, lights, etc. $839.66. Tent work $153.50
‡ Designated for N. Y. Board.

III. RECEIPTS FROM ILLINOIS BY THE NEW YORK BOARD.

OCTOBER 1, 1902 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 1903.

By Kindness of Henry C. Olin, Treasurer.

PRESBYTERIES.	Through Women's Board,	Churches S. Schools Y. P. S. C. E. etc., direct to N. Y. Bd	Synodical Treasurer.	Total Exclusive of Individuals and Legacies.	Individuals	Legacies.	Total from All Sources
Alton	$ 543 10	$ 17 55	$ 25 05	$ 585 71	2 00	.....	587 71
Bloomington	1677 17	25 93	123 87	1826 97	.....	2000 00	3826 97
Cairo	315 86	10 63	30 54	357 03	.....	.....	357 03
Chicago*	10075 60	185 85	† 1966 45	12227 90	905 00	.....	13132 90
Freeport	853 25	50 80	132 76	1036 81	10 00	15 57	1062 38
Mattoon	602 19	91 84	.....	694 03	.....	.....	694 03
Ottawa	294 40	.....	15 93	310 33	.....	90 88	401 21
Peoria	1491 00	182 40	110 99	1784 39	1 50	336 70	2122 59
Rock River	1355 97	113 35	15 14	1484 45	1450 00	.....	2934 45
Schuyler	869 12	29 35	45 72	944 19	.....	1199 40	2143 59
Springfield	1920 16	5 00	§ 200 00	2125 16	58 00	866 46	3049 62
Total**	19997 82	712 70	2666 45	23376 97	2426 50	4509 01	30312 48

* Chicago reports April 1, 1902 to April 1, 1903.

** Individual gifts through Woman's Board, reported in fifth column, $448,50. Total through Woman's Board, $20446.32.

† By special agreement Chicago sends 10 per cent. of total receipts to Synodical Treasurer to be forwarded to New York Board.

§ By special request.

¶ The remaining $500. is sent by Synodical Treasurer to New York Board and is here credited to the remaining nine Presbyteries, in proportion to their total gifts to Synodical Treasury; the ratio being .26553 on the basis of "Table I", "Total Column."

‡ Includes individual gifts sent to Woman's Board, N. Y. Chicago, $135.00; Freeport, $10.00; Peoria $1.50; Rock River, $250.00; Springfield, $52.00; Total. $448.50.

IV. Summary of Home Missions Gifts of the Synod of Illinois, October 1, 1902 to September 30, 1903.

Through Woman's Board for Schools	19,997.82	
Churches, S. S. and Y. P. S. C. E., Direct to Board ("Evangelistic")	712.70	
Synodical Treasurer	2,666.45	
Total through Agencies of the Church	23,376.97	
Gifts from Living Individuals	2,426.50	
Legacies	4,509.01	
Total from Individuals	6,935.51	
Total Received by N. Y. Board		30,312.48
Retained for Presbyterial Use	‡29,031.24	
Retained for Synodical Use	1,803.17	
Total for Use in Illinois		30,834.26
Total Home Mission Gifts through Presbyteries, Synod and Board		
*City and Other Missions		32,820.06
Total Reported Gifts of Illinois Presbyterians for Home Missions		93,966.80

*Assembly Minutes, April 1903, reports gifts to Home Missions from Illinois $84,036. At same date Board reports Churches etc. 608.02, Women etc. $19,161.51, and Synod reports $31.496.41; or a total of $51,265.94 This leaves $32,820.06 for city and other missions.

‡ The last Minutes of Synod had an error in this item and in totals depending on it. It should read "Presbyterial Use" $27,636.01, Total Illinois $29,341.18. Total Presbyteries, Synod and Board $57,232.35. Total Gifts $78,217.74.

V. Missionaries, Contributing Churches and Averages.

Presbyteries	*Members per Assembly Minutes	†Total Gifts Through Synod and Presbyteries	Cents per Member	Aided Churches	Missionaries	Churches Giving	§Churches not Giving
Alton	4,877	1412 00	28.9	17	7	44	5
Bloomington	7,969	2348 26	29.5	9	7	47	7
Cairo	3,764	1412 82	37.5	16	10	35	7
Chicago*	23,522	20783 67	88.4	34	38	87	4
Freeport	4,890	1234 98	25.0	7	6	26	4
Mattoon	4,382	682 69	15.6	12	8	23	11
Ottawa	3,013	604 69	20.1	5	4	17	7
Peoria	5,705	1113 41	19.5	6	4	26	12
Rock River	4,616	689 13	14.9	7	6	32	4
Schuyler	5,125	1397 96	27.3	18	9	32	9
Springfield	5,770	¶1162 10	20.0	9	7	27	6
Total	73,633	32841 71	**44.6	140	106	396	76

* Reports for year ending April 1, 1903.

† Includes all gifts to Synodical and Presbyterial Treasurers and Synodical Evangelists.

§ Some of these Churches contributed, but too late for this report. Most however, exist only in name and are not disbanded on account of property interests, or through hope of usefulness in the future.

¶ Omits $660 from Bergen Fund.

** Omitting Chicago 24 6

The following resolution presented by the Rev. N. H. G. Fife, was adopted:

"In view of the fact that the Mormon Church claims and teaches supreme authority, divinely sanctioned, to control its members in civil as well as religious affairs; resolved: That this Synod urges that Senator Smoot, an apostle of said church, be expelled from the United States Senate as one giving his highest allegiance to a government other than the Republic of the United States of America and as one therefore ineligible to a seat in the highest legislative body of the Republic."

The Rev. W. C. Snider presented the report of the Committee on Ministerial Relief. It was received, and after amendment, adopted as below:

Ministerial Relief.

The Board of Ministerial Relief, last year, distributed in the bounds of the Synod of Illinois the sum of $12,707, which is about the average amount we have been receiving during the last ten years. Last year our churches gave $5,881 to the Board. Ten years ago, in 1894, they gave $5,633; from which is easily seen that the sum per capita has greatly decreased during the decade. In this year of great prosperity it has been only 7.9c for each of our members.

The Synod of Montana has given 9.4c per member; Kentucky, 11.4c; Pennsylvania, 11.8c; Baltimore, 12.1c; New York, 12.3c, and New Jersey, 13.6c. From this it appears that Illinois is not doing nearly so well as many other sections of our church. If we feel that we cannot, just now, come up to the record of the strong eastern Synods, surely we might emulate the standard of the weaker Synods of Kentucky and Montana.

While the receipts of the Board from congregations show a slight increase over those of last year, they do not keep pace with the growth of our membership; on the other hand, the number of families needing and receiving aid are greater, proportionately, than the growth of the church. Today, they number 903, while in 1870 there were only 264. This comparatively decreased supply, coupled with an increased demand, has had the inevitable result of lowering the average amount the Board has been able to grant to our needy ones. By the closest economy it has managed to give to ministers on the Honorably Retired Roll an average of $288, to other ministers $185, and to widows $153. But it is the opinion of Dr. Agnew and those who serve with him in this work that, in these days of high prices, it would be none too much to grant an average of $400 to ministers with dependent families who are on the Honorably Retired Roll, $250 to other ministers and $200 to widows; and they plead with us to help them do it.

In view of these facts and conditions, your committee desires to express the opinion that it is time for a forward movement in behalf of the cause of Ministerial Relief in the Synod of Illinois; and submit the folowing resolutions:

1. That all our congregations bring up their offerings to at least 10c for each member during the coming year.

2. That the Synod's committee on General Church Work be instructed to bring the above recommendation to the notice of our pastors and sessions, using such means as they may consider advisable.

Respectfully submitted,
W. C. SNIDER, CHAIRMAN.

The Moderator appointed the following committee on Pastorates and Vacancies, to emphasize the subject before the General Assembly: A. R. Bickenbach, Geo. E. Hunt, E. M. Clingan.

Dr. C. C. Miller presented the report of the Committee on Young People's Work, which was received and adopted as below:

Young People's Work.

Your committee on Young People's Work regret to report that the securing of complete and reliable statistics from each church of the Synod is still an unsolved problem. From the Presbytery of Rock River no reports have been obtained, the chairman of the Presbyterial committee of that Presbytery not having been able to obtain them.

In the remaining ten Presbyteries, 262 Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor are reported, with a total membership of 10,266, there being, as heretofore, about twice as many female as male members.

Of the total membership, about 79 per cent are active, 14 per cent associate, and 7 per cent. honorary.

During the year, 476 have been added to the church from these societies.

Of the 7,710 active members, the average attendance is reported as follows:

Society Prayer Meeting	3,720
Church Prayer Meeting	2,622
Morning Preaching Service	3,265
Evening Preaching Service	4,747

Total contributions of the societies, $15,657; being $1.53 per member, or 12 cents per member less than last year.

Ten societies in the Synod are reported as giving to all the Boards; 4 more than last year. This shows one-sided development in the matter of benevolences, and should have serious attention. The $4,911 given to foreign

missions, and the $3,169 given to home missions are worthy of the highest commendation, but a well rounded growth requires that each of the Boards of the church should be recognized.

Of Junior Societies, 88 are reported, with a total membership of 2,870, there being 52 more members reported from the 10 Presbyteries this year than from the 11 last year.

Total contributions from the Juniors, $767; one Junior society in Springfield Presbytery giving to all the Boards.

Attention is called to the fact that two of every three Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor have no Junior Societies. Normally, the growth of the older societies ought to be by accessions from the younger, and the most strenuous effort should be made to have a Junior Society started in every church, and *kept going*.

It is easier to secure the children as Juniors than to wait until they are older; and their training as Juniors will make them more valuable members of the older society.

Eight Intermediate Societies are reported, with 218 members; contributions $87.

Your committee recommends to Synod:

1. That the societies be encouraged either individually or in connection with their churches, or combining with other societies in groups of two, three, or more, to assume the support of their own missionary or worker in the mission field.

That pastors interest themselves to secure the organization of Junior Endeavor Societies, wherever such societies do not at present exist.

C. C. MILLER, CHAIRMAN.

After Prayer by Mr. John Willis Baer, Synod took recess until 7:30 o'clock, p. m.

THURSDAY EVENING, 7:30 O'CLOCK.

Synod convened at 7:30 p. m. and was led in prayer and song.

The following report of the Committee on Narrative, presented by the Rev. F. O. Seamans, was approved:

Narrative.

Synod's Permanent Committee on Narrative would respectfully present the following narrative on the state of religion within our bounds in 1903. It is based on reports from only six of the eleven presbyteries, but as the six reporting presbyteries comprise 60 per cent. of the churches and 65 per cent. of

the membership of Synod we may safely assume that they fairly represent conditions existing elsewhere.

—1—Congregational Services.

About 80 per cent. of our churches have been supplied with pastoral services all the year and only about 4 per cent have been entirely without the preaching of the Gospel Most churches report two preaching services each Sabbath, though no information is furnished about the character of these services. It is evident from some of the society reports that talks by lay members and other exercises are sometimes substituted for the preaching of the word. To what extent this is practiced does not appear.

Most reports say the attendance on the Lord's Day is "good" or "fair." But where the numbers are given, the attendance averages, in the morning services, 70 per cent. of the communicant membership, in the evening 54 per cent. Allowing for the children, who we are told attend "well" in most of these churches, and for the unconverted, who are usually present in considerable numbers, we see that on the average, only about one half our members attend the public worship of God. And in the evening the number is much smaller. Surely not an ideal state of things. The attendance of young people and children was reported in considerable detail, showing special interest in the subject. It is almost everywhere good, and in many churches excellent. About one half report no special effort to reach the young more than adults. In many places special means are employed to attract them, such as occasional special services; sermonettes; music adapted to their taste; illustrated sermons; furnishing books for recording texts; and forming Sabbath-service circles with rewards for attendance. Some use the Sabbath School to increase church attendance; teachers attending with classes; making church attendance a point in marking class-books; giving out Sunday School papers after church, etc. A few still adhere to the tried, Scriptural plan of home visitation, instruction and catechising by the pastor, laying it upon the conscience of the child, not even implying that it is optional with him; and of parents, conformably to their baptismal vows bringing their children with them to all the services of the church, and thus in the most effective way influencing the uncovenanted to do likewise. Weekly prayer-meetings and monthly or semi-monthly missionary meetings are held in most churches. The average attendance at the prayer-meetings was 18 per cent. of the membership. Does this denote indifference to the interests of the Kingdom? or disbelief in the promises concerning prayer? or is it the consequence of prayerless prayer-meetings? or is there some other cause? The guarded replies sent up from the churches do not enable us to determine.

—2—Sabbath Schools.

No church appears to be without a Sabbath School. In most of these

our own helps are used; but the catechism is taught regularly in very few.

The large percentage of Communicants who are enrolled in the Sabbath Schools indicates an increasing respect for the school and appreciation of its work on the part of the church. So the large number of conversions in the schools, about 10 per cent of all who were not already church members, need not surprise us In a Sabbath school made the most of may yet be found a solution of many of our difficult problems.

—3—Societies.

42 Men's societies are reported, 30 of these are in Chicago, and three of them are in one church in Peoria Presbytery. So they are not numerous elsewhere. So far as reported their purpose is generally social, literary or athletic. Some, however, are for Bible study and training in personal work in saving souls, and some help in conducting Sabbath evening meetings.

Women's societies greatly outnumber the churches. They are principally Missionary and Aid Societies. Most of the churches also have some organizations of young people, usually Christian Endeavor.

There is no way we can measure the influence of these societies of the church. In the one matter of money-raising have we any statistics. To the three boards of Home and Foreign Missions and Freedmen they contributed more than $45,000 last year. This does not tell the amounts raised to meet local needs; nor the benefits of their study of the Bible and the church benevolences.

The general testimony is that they have entered heartily into the evangelistic movement which is just now such a marked feature in church life.

Nearly all these organizations have loyally conformed to the injunction that they report regularly to their sessions, and submit to their control. But a few churches answer this question by an unequivocal "no". It would be interesting for Synod to know what presbyterial action was taken in these cases, or if any serious effort will be made to put into effect the requirement of our newly amended Form of Government, that sessions *shall have* and *exercise* authority over these societies.

—4—Spiritual Conditions.

Only a very few churches report any special religious interest. And in these the reference seems to be more to special efforts on the part of the church to reach the unsaved than to a special sense of need, or any humbling before God, on the part of the church. Yet the general report is that the spiritual conditions are good. Very few mention any special difficulties to be overcome. Those mentioned are Sabbath desecration, gambling, wide scattering of congregations, saloons, indifference and worldliness. 4543 were added to our churches on Examination. And these accessions were distributed among 351 of the 471 churches in the Synod, showing that the blessing has been general.

53 churches added more than 20 per cent to their membership by profession of faith, and about as many more added 10 per cent or more. Some of the figures would indicate revival conditions. Surely here are facts to warrant the almost unanimous report of "good" interest, "hopeful outlook" etc. But our joy over these accessions is tempered by the fact that the backsliders so nearly equal the converts in number. Over those who have entered into the rest which remains for the people of God we sorrow not as others which have no hope. But concerning those who have turned back to the weak and beggarly elements of the world even an apostle could write only with weeping. The 3739 received in excess of dismissals and deaths are offset by 2423 backsliders. Small reason have we to congratulate ourselves on accessions while they are so largely of this unregenerated sort. Would it not be much better in fact for the church if these 2423 worldlings had not masqueraded under the cloak of her sacraments for a year, corrupting the good manners of God's house by their evil communications? Is it possible that our methods of acquiring new members has anything to do with the large number of bad fishes inclosed in the Gospel net? Surely something is radically wrong.

—5—Benevolences.

It is real delight to read of the splendid record made by the churches in giving to the boards of the church. Nearly every church filled every column in the list. Only 43 in the entire Synod gave to none of the boards, and most of these were small churches and vacant. But there are some notable exceptions. One of the offenders is the third largest church in its presbytery with a membership of 354. Another is large but vacant. Two others number 85 and 185. Perhaps these are the churches whose narratives state without explanation that the sessions do not obey the Assembly's rule by giving the congregation an opportunity to give to every board. Nearly all answer this question in the affirmative and report a growth in the grace of giving on the part of the people.

A great variety of plans for taking the offerings are in use. The favorite seems to be monthly collections. The next most popular appears to be the Assembly's plan, or some slight modification of it. Most of the Sabbath Schools contribute to the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions and for Freedmen. The other boards get few offerings from societies. There is no church which does not make suitable provision for its poor.

—6—Family Religion.

The majority of churches report that parents are usually faithful in presenting their children for baptism and in maintaining family worship. But the indefinite form of these questions and the guarded answers given make it impossible to tell just what is the state of family religion.

—7—Miscellaneous.

All but about one dozen churches which answer the question, report that

they meet their financial obligations promptly. But many do not answer, and some presbyterial narratives are silent on this point. The vast majority of the churches manage their temporalities by boards of trustees; some by deacons, and a few by the session.

From all this it is evident that much hard self sacrificing work has been done in all our churches. God has more than fulfilled all His promises to us. Much has been accomplished. The evils and failures which appear are such as can be remedied by a little more care and watchfulness. Let us pray that all obstacles may be removed, and sinners humbled and saved; that the church may be made more skillful in nursing and building up in the faith those whom the Lord adds to her, that none be lost; and that we may hold fast all the points of vantage we have already gained

F. O. SEAMANS, CHAIRMAN.

Invitations for the next meeting of Synod were received from the Broadway Church of Rock Island and from the Monmouth Church. Synod accepted the former and the Session of the Broadway Church was authorized to select two of its Elders to serve on the Committee of Arrangements for next year's meeting. Dr. J. W. Stewart and S. D. Cleland were so chosen.

A popular meeting was held, the Rev. J. W. Parkhill presiding, and addresses were delivered by Mr. John Willis Baer of the Home Missions Board, and the Rev. S. S. Palmer of the Assembly's Evangelistic Committee.

The roll was then called and the following members found to be present:

Alton Presbytery. *Ministers*—Thos W. Hynes, E. W. F. Holler, J. W. Knott.
Elders—J. R. Beale, J. O. Fisher.

Bloomington Presbytery. *Ministers*—Geo. R. Smith, M. C. Long, Chas. F. Wilson, S. C. Black, Guy E. Smock.
Elders—H. P. McNair.

Cairo Presbytery. *Ministers*—J. W. Parkhill, C. E. Fisk, Wm. P. Hosken.
Elders—W. B. Anderson, L. B. Parsons, M. Luther Cooper.

Chicago Presbytery. *Ministers*—Edgar Beckwith, D. C. Milner, W. T.

Reynolds, C. H. Johnson, M. B. McNutt, T. R. Quayle, H. C. Rogers, A. S. Carrier, W. I. Stewart, C. B. McAfee, R. K. Ryan, H. W. Burger, S. L. Divine.

Elders—L. J. Smith, W. M. Baker, C. R. Drake, C. Hewitt, W. D. Messinger, R. S. Simmons, W. Taylor, S. DeBruine, John Jeffrey, W. Francis.

Freeport Presbytery. Ministers—J. S. Braddock, Adolph Krebs, S. R. Myers, T. R. White.

Elders—Henry Temple, John Dittmar, James Charlton, Peter Greenlee.

Mattoon Presbytery. Ministers—W. W. Wilson, Edward Baech, Buford W. Tyler, Edward P. Rankin.

Elders—E. R. White, Thos. Donnell, Thos. Hudson, Wm. Root.

Ottawa Presbytery. Ministers—J. D. McCaughtry, Edwin L. Lord, William A. Montgomery, G. A. Pollock.

Elders—James Boyle, T. P. Dalton, Thomas B. Swan.

Peoria Presbytery. Ministers—W. H. Foulkes, W. H. Mason, E. A. Krapp, E. L. Williams.

Elders—Chas. N. Good, James A. Williams, Calvin C. Lines.

Rock River Presbytery. Ministers—T. R. Johnson, C. M. Robb, C. F. Moore, Marion Humphreys.

Elders—J. E. Reed, John D. Cooke, David Walker, L. E. Armstrong, E. H. Terry.

Schuyler Presbytery. Ministers—G. J. E. Richards, F. J. Tower.

Elders—G. C. Bartells, C. H. Kellough.

Springfield Presbytery. Ministers—T. D. Logan, A. B. Morey, A. S. Kaye, J. E. Rogers, E. E. Lashley, G. C. Flett

Elders—C. C. Brown, J. H. Kincaid, Wm. Rainey, A. P. Vasconcellos.

Elders W. B. Rundle of Clinton and Frank Robertson of Jacksonville were appointed a committee to present the action of Synod relative to the Sunday opening of the State Fair to the Board of Agriculture.

The Committee on Educational Institutions was granted permission to enlarge itself as it finds need.

Prof. A. S. Carrier presented the following resolution of thanks which was adopted by a standing vote:

We cannot bring the work of this session of the Synod to a close without

expressing our great and hearty appreciation of the gracious hospitality which has conspired at every turn to make our visit delightful. To our hosts and hostesses, who have daily satisfied our mouths with good things and who have given us the freedom of their homes, and who have welcomed us as we returned from the duties of the day, with a courtesy that was as delightful as it was genuine, we would express our thanks in no mere formal terms. The throngs which filled the parlors of the First Church at noon each day, and the fluent oratory which succeeded each lunch hour, were in themselves eloquent and heartfelt tributes to the ladies of the First and Second Churches in their ministry to the temporal wants of the Synod. The forethought and careful management of Dr. Logan and the Committee of Arrangements have made the transaction of our business comfortable and delightful, and we desire to thank him and the church for all the facilities that have been put at our service Especially would we recognize the manifestation of Christian comity in the co-operation of the Grace Lutheran and other churches in our entertainment. We also express our cordial appreciation of the courtesy of Mrs Yates in receiving us at the Executive Mansion, and as we separate we lift our hearts in hearty thanks to the God and Father of us all, who has watched over us while we have been together, giving us the sunshine of His Presence and the marks of His Favor, and the evident presence of the Holy Spirit The response which comes spontaneously from our hearts is the determination to go back to our work in the strength which he has given us, and with renewed consecration, stronger faith, and tireless enegery, give ourselves without reserve to the service of Christ and the Church.

The minutes of to-day's session were read and approved.

The business of the Synod having been completed, and the vote taken to adjourn, the Moderator declared the Synod to be adjourned and that the next annual Synod will meet on the third Tuesday of October, 1904, in the Broadway Presbyterian Church of Rock Island, Ill. The Synod closed with Prayer and the Apostolic benediction.

SHERMAN L. DIVINE,
Permanent Clerk.

Attest:

GEO. J. E. RICHARDS, Stated Clerk.

APPENDIX.

THE REV. D. S. JOHNSON, D. D.

David Sumner Johnson D. D. "entered into rest" at National City, Cal., April 17, 1903, in the sixty-ninth year of his life. Born at Waterford, N. Y., educated at Phillips Academy, Williams College, Andover and Auburn Theological Seminaries, he had given the greater part of his active life, nearly 35 years, to the work of the Gospel ministry in the State of Illinois. For 28 years he was the beloved and honored pastor of two of our strong, influential churches, giving 14 years of devoted service to the Hyde Park Presbyterian church of Chicago, and 14 years of like faithfulness to the Second Presbyterian church of Springfield, Ill. For 20 years he performed the laborious and exacting duties of Stated Clerk of the Synod of Illinois to the complete satisfaction of his brethren. To few men, therefore, have come larger opportunities of serving our beloved church, and to few men has it been granted to do more for all the great interests of Presbyterianism within the bounds of our Synod.

In Dr. Johnson was found that combination of gifts and graces which ensures permanent success in the Gospel Ministry. He had genuine culture, simple, unaffected piety, strong faith, deep earnestness, every day fidelity, sturdy common sense, fine, practical judgment, good executive ability, ready tact, kindly sympathy, genial friendliness, transparent honesty, all these conspired to win for him an unusual measure of confidence as leader, counsellor, pastor, friend. In the pulpit he made no attempt to be brilliant He was content to give a clear, plain, earnest, faithful message from his Lord, and he so gave it as to gain a thoughtful hearing from the thoughtful people to whom he ministered. Solidity, stability, strength, were the characteristics of his work as a "good minister of Jesus Christ." In his daily life there was nothing to conceal, nothing to cover up. He *was* what he *seemed*, a man of God, a man in whom Christ had been formed "the hope of glory," a man who breathed the atmosphere of love. Universally trusted, widely honored, fondly cherished in the memory of all who have come into any intimate association with him, he has passed to his reward after more than 40 years of fruitful service. "He being dead, yet speaketh."

EDWARD H. CURTIS.

II. STANDING RULES OF THE SYNOD.

1. The General Rules for the Judicatories recommended from time to time by the General Assembly shall be the rules of the Synod.

2. The Synod, consisting of Commissioners chosen by the Presbyteries according to the ratio of one minister and one elder for every five ministers on the roll of each Presbytery, shall meet annually on the third Tuesday of October, at 7:30 p. m., and in the place designated at the previous annual meeting.

3. The officers of the Synod shall be a Moderator and two Temporary Clerks, who shall serve for one year; a Stated Clerk, who shall also be Treasurer, and a Permanent Clerk, who shall serve during the term of five years, or until their successors are elected. The salary of the Stated Clerk and Treasurer shall be $250 per year, and that of the Permanent Clerk $75 per year. The Moderator and Permanent Officers shall be chosen by ballot, but in case only one nomination is made the election shall be *viva voce*.

4. A Committee of Arrangements shall be appointed annually consisting of six members, among whom shall be the Stated and Permanent Clerks, the Moderator, and the Pastor of the Church in which the Synod meets, the Stated Clerk to be ex-officio Chairman. This Committee shall prepare the order of business for the Synod in consultation with the Chairmen of the Permanent and Standing Committees as hereinafter described, and shall also have charge of the railroad transportation of the members.

5. A list of the Commissioners of each Presbytery shall be forwarded by its Stated Clerk to the Stated Clerk of the Synod at least one week previous to the annual meeting.

6 The annual meeting of the Synod shall be opened with a sermon by the moderator, or, in case of his failure, by some one designated by the Committee of Arrangements.

7 At least one half hour of each day of the sessions shall be given to devotional services.

8. The following Standing Committees shall be appointed annually, viz:

On Bills and Overtures, 7 members.
On Judicial Business, 7 members.
On Minutes of General Assembly, 5 members.
On Finance and Treasurer's Accounts, 3 members.
On Attendance and Absence, 5 members.

On records of the Presbyteries, one member to constitute a General Committee to prepare and present the report, and eleven committees of three members each to examine the records of the Presbyteries and to report on the same to the General Committee.

9. The Permanent Committees of Synod shall be six in number:

1.—On the Spiritual Life of the Churches in the bounds of the Synod.

It shall present the religious condition and needs of our Churches, shall receive from the Presbyteries ten days before the annual meeting a written report on the state of religion covering the synodical year, shall prepare the narrative for the General Assembly and present it for the consideration of Synod, and shall have charge of Evangelistic and other movements looking to the quickening of the Spiritual Life, so far as these pertain to this Synod. The Communion of the Lord's Supper as observed by Synod may properly be held in connection with the consideration of this question.

2.—On Christian Education.

It shall take account of the religious condition of our youth in Universities, Colleges and Schools, public and private: the maintenance of the Church Schools, Colleges and Seminaries in the bounds of Synod, including the regular visitation of these by the committees of Synod: the aid of colleges and academies under the care of the General Assembly. To this Committee also is entrusted the question of the best method of presenting to the young men of our Synod the question of a call to the ministry and of promoting sound theological education within our bounds.

3.—On the Youth of the Church as represented in our Sabbath Schools and Young People's Organizations

It shall devise measures to develop in our youth a clearer knowledge of the Word of God and of the active duties of the Christian life, not only in our own Sabbath Schools but in the needy places of the land as cared for by the Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work.

4.—On Home Missions.

In addition to our synodical Home Missions, this Committee shall have charge of the interests of our work among the Freedmen and among the foreign populations within our bounds, and of the duty of our Synod to the Home Mission Work of the Church at large.

5.—On Foreign Missions, which shall see to it that the interests of this cause may be properly presented to Synod by addresses from time to time.

6.—On General Church Work.

In which is included systematic beneficence, ministerial relief, church erection, temperance reform, Sabbath observance and such other practical measures as are not hereinbefore provided for.

These Committees, except that of Home Missions, which is governed by the General Rules adopted in 1902 and that of Foreign Missions which is to consist of the Chairmen of the Presbyterial committees, shall consist of eleven members each, one from each Presbytery, to be appointed by the Synod.

10. The Moderator, who opens the annual meeting with a sermon, when not a Commissioner, the Chairmen of the Permanent and Special Committees and the Stated and Permanent Clerks of the Synod shall be *ex-officio* members thereof, with all the rights of members except that of voting.

11. To meet the contingent and mileage expenses of the Synod, an apportionment covering the amount needed shall be levied annually on the Presbyteries according to the number of communicants in their churches at their last report, the amount to be apportioned and recommended by the Standing Committee on Finance.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurers of the Presbyteries to remit the amount thus required of them to the Treasurer of the Synod on or before the first of May of each year.

12. The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Synod shall be published in pamphlet form, under the direction of the Stated Clerk, as soon as practicable after the adjournment, and in sufficient number of copies to supply every minister and every Church Session in the Synod with one copy each, and also for distribution at the next Annual meeting of the Synod.

13. The Janitor of the Church where the Synod meets shall be paid $5.00 for his services.

14. These Standing Rules may be modified or repealed, one day's notice being given, and also temporarily suspended by a two thirds vote of the Synod at an Annual Meeting.

III. SUCCESSION OF MODERATORS.

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS. 1882–1903.

A. D.	NAME.	PRESBYTERY	PLACE
1882	*Robert W. Patterson, D. D.	Chicago	Springfield
1883	John W. Dinsmore, D. D.	Bloomington	Alton
1884	Ambrose C. Smith, D. D.	Freeport	Bloomington
1885	Benj. C. Swan, D. D.	Cairo	Centralia
1886	Edward C. Sickells, D. D.	Rock River	Mattoon
1887	*Amos H. Dean, D. D.	Schuyler	Oak Park
1888	Samuel M. Morton, D. D.	Springfield	Galesburg
1889	*John H. Worcester, D. D.	Chicago	Rochelle
1890	*Edwin L. Hurd, D. D.	Alton	DuQuoin
1891	Isaac A. Cornelison, D. D.	Peoria	Joliet
1892	Alex B. Morey, D. D.	Springfield	Jerseyville
1893	*James A. Piper, D. D.	Mattoon	Peoria
1894	Frank F. Stoltz,	Ottawa	Jacksonville
1895	Wm. A. Hunter, D. D.	Bloomington	Peoria
1896	Joseph H. Stevenson, D. D.	Cairo	Danville
1897	*James Lewis, D. D.	Chicago	Galesburg
1898	David Clark	Freeport	Bloomington
1899	Jos. M. Ross	Schuyler	Joliet
1900	Thos. B. Greenlee, Ph. D.	Alton	Decatur
1901	Chas N. Wilder, D. D.	Bloomington	Jacksonville
1902	Edwin L. Lord	Ottawa	Chicago
1903	Edgar L. Williams	Peoria	Springfield

IV. SUCCESSION OF CLERKS.

	STATED CLERKS		PERMANENT CLERKS
1882	*David S. Johnson, D. D.	1882	Smith H. Hyde, D. D.
1902	Geo. J. E. Richards,	1902	Sherman L. Divine.

For full list of Moderators and Clerks from 1831 see Minutes of 1902.

*Deceased.

V. STATISTICAL REPORTS OF PRESBYTERIES

1—ALTON.

Chairmen of Standing Committees.

Home Missions — Rev. J. A. Gallaher
Foreign Missions — Rev. Elisha Safford
Education — Rev. W. H. Bradley
Ministerial Relief — Rev. J. G. Klene
Church Erection — Rev. Edwin Harris
Publication and S. S. Work — Rev. J. C. Sefton
Freedmen — Rev. F. P. Witherspoon
Systematic Beneficence — Rev. H. K. Sanborne
Temperance and Sabbath Observance — Rev. T. W. Hynes
Narrative — Rev. J. F. Moery
Aid for Colleges — Rev. E. W. F. Holler
Young People's Societies — Mr. J. R. Sager

Ministers Received From Presbyteries—Wm. Sangree and J. M. Duer from Springfield; Geo. F. Ayres, St. Louis; Clifford McBride, Indianapolis; Wm. E. Archibald, Boston.

Ministers Dismissed to Presbyteries—Geo. Harkness to Emporia; Albert J. Berger, Bloomington; Wm. J. Tull, San Francisco; Geo. F. Ayers, St. Louis.

Minister Ordained—John G. Reynolds, Madison.

WALTER H. BRADLEY, Stated Clerk.

2—BLOOMINGTON.

Chairmen of Standing Committees.

Home Missions — Rev. Willis E. Parsons
Foreign Missions — Rev. W. D. Smith
Education — Rev. Geo. R. Smith
Ministerial Relief — Rev. Wm. C. Snider
Church Erection — Rev. M. C. Long
Publication and S. S. Work — Rev. S. C. Black
Freedmen — Rev. E. Floyd Hoke
Systematic Beneficence — Rev. Chas. S. Davies
Temperance — Rev. Henry Love
Narrative — Rev. N. H. G. Fife
Aid for Colleges — Rev. H. K Denlinger
Young People's Societies — Rev. A. B. Cooper
American Bible Society — Rev. Jas. E. Foster

Evangelistic Work — Rev. H. G. Gleiser

Ministers Received From Presbyteries—O. E. Hart from Neosha; E. W. Clippenger, Kansas City; Julius T. Orton, Ft. Wayne; L. F. Cooper, La Crosse.

Ministers Dismissed to Presbyteries—Chas. N. Wilder, Wm. McPheeters, Kalamazoo; W. S. Morrow, Vincennes.

Deceased—Rev. Thomas G. Scott, D. D., July 11th, 1903.

GEO. R. SMITH, Stated Clerk

3—CAIRO.

Chairmen of Standing Committees.

Home Missions — Rev. J. W. Parkhill
Foreign Missions — Rev. T. E. Spillman
Education — Rev. J. F. M. Knox
Ministerial Relief — Rev. L. J. Hawkins
Church Erection — Rev. L. J. Hawkins
Publication and S. S. Work — Rev. H. B. Douglass
Freedmen — Rev. J. F. Knowles
Systematic Beneficence — Rev. A. Litherland
Christian Endeavor — Rev. W. M. Maxton
Narrative — Rev. F. O. Seamans
Temperance and Sabbath Observance — Rev. S. E. Taylor
Presbyterial History — Rev. T. E. Spillman

Ministers Received From Presbyteries—F. O. Seamans from St. Louis; L. J. Hawkins, Mattoon; C. E. Marvin, Kalamazoo; B. F. Guille, Bloomington; L. C. Gray, Peoria; A. M. Eells, Hannibal.

Ministers Dismissed to Presbyteries—John Giffen to Rock River; J. H. Stevenson, Ottawa; W. W. Faris, East Florida; M. C. Stonecipher, Helena; Paul Heiligman Chicago; A. K. Caswell, Vincennes; J. N. Strain, Mattoon; John T. Faris, St. Louis.

R. S. STEVENSON, Stated Clerk.

4—CHICAGO.

Chairmen of Standing Committees.

Home Missions — Rev. Thomas D. Wallace, D. D., 626 Washington Boul.
Foreign Missions — Rev. Philip F. Matzinger, 956 Jackson Boulevard
Education — Rev. W. S. Plumer Bryan, D. D. 13 Chalmers Place
Ministerial Relief — Rev. Warren F. Goff, Manteno
Freedmen — Rev. Moses H. Jackson, D. D., 3720 Dearborn Street
Pub. and S. S. Work — Rev. Wm. K. Weaver, 484 Marshfield Avenue
College Aid — Rev. Duncan C. Milner, D. D., Joliet, Ill.

Church Erection — Rev. Wm. J. McCaughan, 501 Jackson Boulevard
Temperance — Rev Thomas R. Quayle, Libertyville, Ill.
Young People's Societies — Rev. Geo. Wm. Wright, 4017 Vincennes Av.

Deceased—Charles S Hoyt, D. D., Wm. J. Chichester, D. D.

Enrolled Since Assembly's Minutes—Paul Heiligman, Cairo Presbytery; T. Walker Malcolm, Sioux City; George E. Young, Peoria; Edward N. Ware, Corning; George N. Succock, D. D, Washington City.

Dismissed Since Assembly's Minutes—Neil McKechnie, Pembina Presbytery; Wm. J. N. Robertson, Bismarck; David T. Robertson, Ph. D., Ottawa. Charles H Tickner, Ph. D., Kearney.

5—FREEPORT.

Chairmen of Standing Committees.

Home Missions — B. E. S Ely, Jr.
Foreign Missions — C. E. Dunn
Education — J. H. Boose
Ministerial Relief — S. C. Hay
Freedmen — F A. Hosmer
Publication and S. S. Work — C. F. Miller
Aid for Colleges — J. T. Ford
Church Erection — T. M. Wright
Temperance — T. R. White
Systematic Beneficence — A. T. Van Page
Christian Endeavor — C. C. Miller

Ministers Received From Presbyteries—F. Y. Nichols from Dubuque; F. H. Kroesche, Waterloo; John Van de Erve, Cedar Rapids; Kerby S. Miller, Baltimore.

Ministers Dismissed to Presbyteries—John H. Burma to Des Moines; A. F. Ernst, Schuyler; Dick Meyer, St. Louis.

Ordained—Benjamin L. Brittin, Belvidere; Ralph M. Crissman, Galena First.

In Transitu—Jacob Klaase, from the Presbytery of Albany.

THOS. R. WHITE, Stated Clerk.

6—MATTOON.

Chairmen of Standing Committees.

Home Missions — Rev. B. W. Tyler
Foreign Missions — Rev. Edward Baech
Education — Rev. O. H. Carmichael
Ministerial Relief — Rev. E. P. Rankin

Freedmen —
Publication and S. S. Work — Rev. S. A. Caldwell
Aid for Colleges — Rev. S. M. Morton
Church Erection — Rev. Montgomery May
Young People — Rev. Wm. W. Wilson
Temperance — Rev. A. M. Elliott
Systematic Beneficence — Rev. Frank P. Miller
Sabbath Observance — Rev. Robt. Irwin

SAMUEL M. MORTON, Stated Clerk.

7.—OTTAWA.

Chairmen of Standing Committees.

Home Missions — Rev. E. L. Lord
Foreign Missions — Rev. G. A. Pollock
Education — Rev. J. G. Butler
Ministerial Relief — Rev. Theo. H. Allen
Church Erection — Rev. Geo. Dunlap
Publication and S. S. Work — Rev. D. K. Campbell
Freedmen — Rev. J. D. McCaughtry
Systematic Beneficence — Rev. W. A. Montgomery
Temperance — Rev. B. R. Vonder Lippe
Aid for Colleges — Rev. J. W. Mann
Young People's Societies — Rev. O. C. Johnson

Ministers Received From Presbyteries—Geo. C. Porter from Kearney; Wm. W. Warne, Peoria; Daniel H. Rohrabaugh, Niagara: Joseph H. Stevenson, Cairo.

Ministers Dismissed to Presbyteries—John L. Hartsook to Schuyler; Milton E. Todd, Peoria; James I. Crane, Platte; Joseph W. Mann, Mattoon.

Minister Ordained—Theodore Balcoff.

THEODORE H. ALLEN, Stated Clerk.

8—PEORIA.

Chairmen of Standing Committees.

Home Missions — Alvin R. Mathes
Foreign Missions — Benjamin Y. George
Education — Wm. H. Mason
Ministerial Relief — Pliny B. Ferris
Freedmen — James Benson
Publication and S. S. Work — Milton E. Todd
Aid for Colleges — Chauncey T. Edwards
Church Erection — James Benson
Temperance — John H. McGaughey
Systematic Beneficence — Wm. H. Foulkes
Young People's Societies — A. R. Mathes

Ministers Received From Presbyteries—John W. Keller from Hudson, Wm. H. Pumphrey from Philadelphia North, Milton E. Todd from Ottawa,

James A. Sankey from Emporia, and Marshall M. Cooper from Rock River.

Ministers Dismissed to Presbyteries—W. S. P. Cochran to Allegheny, Robert L. Campbell to Cedar Rapids, George A. Armstrong to Chinan, China, George E. Young to Chicago, Lyman C. Gray to Cairo, Charles T. Phillips to Trinity, Charles W. Whorrall to Neosha, George A. Pflug to Logansport, Chas. E. Freeman to Austin, Wilson W. Tait to Crawfordsville, John I. Sullivan to Lima.

Ordained—Harry C. Postlethwaite, Carret V. Albertsony, Robert J. Sprague, John H. Rheingans.

ISAAC A CORNELISON, Stated Clerk

9—ROCK RIVER.

Chairmen of Standing Committees

Home Missions — N. W. Thornton
Foreign Missions — Wm. S. Marquis
Education — W. E. Donaldson
Ministerial Relief — T. R. Johnson
Church Erection — Harry B. Allen
Sabbath School — R. E. Fleming
Freedmen — W. F. Jeffries
Systematic Beneficence — R. S. Coffey
Temperance — Marion Humphrey
Narrative — Elder A. A. Mackey, Woodhull
Aid for Colleges — J. I. Dool
American Bible Society — J. M Tidball
Young People's Societies — Cary F. Moore
Evangelistic Work — S. S. Cryor
Pastoral Relation — Wm S. Marquis

Ministers Received From Presbyteries—J. B. Howard from Mattoon, W. H. Love returned certificate and was re-enrolled, Graham Lee, Pyeng Yang, Korea, name omitted in the minutes.

Ministers Dismissed to Presbyteries—Wm. S Davis to Neosho, M. M. Cooper to Peoria, Grant Stroh to Seguoyah.

CHAS. M. ROBB, Stated Clerk.

10—SCHUYLER.

Chairmen of Standing Committees.

Home Missions — S. L. Allison
Foreign Missions — J. W. Pugh
Education — E. M Clingan
Ministerial Relief — Elder R H. Griffith, Rushville
Church Erection — F J. Tower
Publication and S. S. Work — J. M. Thomson
Freedmen — Elder J. R. Hanna, Monmouth

Systematic Beneficence — S. W. Findley
Young People's Society — J. M. Eakins
Narrative — J. F. Winnard
Temperance and Sabbath Observance — M. R. Baer
Aid for Colleges — C. E. Fulton
American Bible Society — A. F. Ernst
Pastorates and Vacancies — E. M. Clingan

Ministers Received From Presbyteries—Revs. W. R. King from St. Louis; A. F. Ernst from Freeport; E. B. Miner from Springfield; Geo. T. Griscel, from Iowa City; Fred. A. Crandall from Minnewaukon; Wm. A. Hutchison from Muncie; J. L. Hartsook from Ottawa; H. N. Gerdes from Dubuque.

Ministers Dismissed to Presbyteries—Revs. E. J. Boell to Dubuque; E. H. Montgomery to Ft. Wayne; D. W. Morgan to Sioux City; E. J. Rice to St. Louis; John Neve to Dubuque; W. B. Shirey to Dayton; J. H. Bratton to Cimarron.

Installations—Rev. W. R. King at Monmouth; Rev. A. F. Ernst at Macomb; Rev. J. L. Hartsook at Camp Creek; Rev. S. Wilbur Huffer ordained and installed over Clayton Church Sept. 24, 1903.

Pastorates Dissolved—Rev. E. J. Boell and Salem German Church, Rev. E. H. Montgomery and Camp Creek Church; Rev. D. W. Morgan and Wythe Church.

GEO. J. E. RICHARDS, Stated Clerk.

II—SPRINGFIELD.

Chairmen of Standing Committees—

Home Missions — Wm. H. Penhallegon
Foreign Missions — Geo. C. Lenington
Education — Jas. E. Rogers
Aid for Colleges — G. C. Flett
Systematic Beneficence — D. G. Carson
Church Erection — S. A. Glasgow
Ministerial Relief — A. B. Morey
Sabbath School Work — W. F. Irwin
Young People's Societies — D. J. Mitterling
Temperance — Geo. E. Saunderson
Bible Society — Elder, Ensley Moore

Ministers Received From Presbyteries—J. F. Fetterolf from Chicago; Clifford W. Barnes from the Congregational Association of Chicago; Benjamin Thomas from Monroe.

Ministers Dismissed to Presbyteries—F. W. Thomas to Central Dakota; E. B. Miner to Schuyler; Geo. W. McWherter to Bloomington; Wm. Sangree to Alton; Elliott L. Dresser to Cleveland; Jas. M. Duer to Alton; Wm. A. MacMinn to Lake Superior.

GEO. C. LENINGTON, Stated Clerk.

SUMMARY

OF STATISTICS OF THE SYNOD OF ILLINOIS FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 1, 1903.

PRESBYTERY	Ministers Received	Ministers Dismissed	Ministers Deceased	Installations	Ordinations	Pastorates Dissolved	Licentiates	Candidates	Whole Number of Ministers	Ch's Dissolved and Dismissed	Ch's Organized and Received	Church Edifices Built	Manses Acquired	Churches with Pastors and P. E.	Churches with Supplies	Churches Vacant	Whole No. of Churches	Whole No. of Members	Whole No. of S. S. Members	STATED CLERKS
Alton	5	4	..	3	1	2	..	2	34	..	..	..	..	13	27	9	49	4877	6107	Walter H. Bradley
Bloomington	4	3	1	4	..	2	..	2	56	..	..	2	..	33	11	10	54	7969	7232	George R. Smith
Cairo	6	8	..	..	..	4	..	2	25	..	..	..	..	18	11	13	42	3764	4131	R. S. Stevenson
Chicago	13	19	2	14	5	13	3	15	147	..	..	1	4	70	13	7	90	23522	38025	James Frothingham
Freeport	4	3	..	6	2	1	1	5	37	..	..	..	..	26	3	1	30	4990	4646	Thos R. White
Mattoon	5	5	2	..	..	2	..	2	30	..	..	..	..	18	2	5	34	4382	3677	Samuel M. Morton
Ottawa	4	4	..	5	1	5	..	2	28	..	..	..	..	18	2	4	24	3913	3161	Theodore H. Allen
Peoria	5	11	..	6	4	6	..	..	36	..	..	..	..	23	5	10	38	5705	3631	Isaac A. Cornelison
Rock River	7	3	..	6	..	2	..	3	35	..	..	..	2	22	8	6	36	4616	4348	Charles M. Robb
Schuyler	8	7	..	4	1	3	..	2	33	..	..	..	1	..	14	17	10	5125	5065	George J. E. Richards
Springfield	3	7	..	3	..	..	2	4	29	1	..	..	..	16	7	10	33	5770	5255	George C. Lemington
Total	64	74	5	51	14	40	4	39	490	1	1	9	..	264	122	85	471	73633	79278	

VI. LIST OF CHURCHES, NUMBER OF ELDERS AND CLERKS OF SESSIONS.

PRESBYTERY OF ALTON.

CHURCHES	NO. ELDERS	CLERKS
Alton	5	S. R. McClure
Baldwin	4	Wm. Wilson
Belleville	5	James McMilken 222 E. 7th st. Belleville
Blair	4	T. J. McBride
Bethel	3	H. M Ferguson Reno
Brighton	3	W. H Hart
Butler	3	Geo W. Dryer
Carlinville	6	W. T. Brown
Carlyle	3	Wm. Smith
Carrollton	6	G W. Davis
Chester	3	M. C. Crissey
Collinsville	3	R. S. Reed
East St. Louis	6	H. J. Buerki 339 Collinsville Ave
Ebenezer	3	James Lawder Rockwood
Edwardsville	6	J. H. Glass
Elm Point	2	Thomas Wafer Donelson
Greenfield	6	W. A. Saylor
Greenville	12	S. Curtis White
Hardin	4	B. F. Wilkinson
Hillsboro	8	J. O. Fisher
Jerseyville	6	Rev. J. G. Klene
Kampsville	1	A. R. Zimmerman
Lebanon (Marshall Memorial)	2	S. F. Flint
Litchfield	9	J. R. Paisley
Madison	1	J. R. Beale
Moro	4	Arthur Smith
Nokomis	4	J. M. Barkley
Plainview	1	Geo. Morrison
Raymond	3	B. F. Culp
Rockwood	5	Alexander Barber
Salem (German)	3	Rev. J. F. Moery Fosterburg
Sparta	9	James Gordon Sr
Spring Cove	3	H. B. Warner Challacombe
Staunton	3	W. R. George
Steeleville	2	J. M Montgomery
Sugar Creek	2	C. O. Drayton Trenton
Summit Grove	3	D. S. H. Nevius Kampsville
Trenton	4	A. W. Carter
Troy	3	Dr. F. M Zanders
Unity	2	W. M. Gray Rockwood
Upper Alton	4	Rev. W. H. Bradley
Virden	6	J. M. Furry
Walnut Grove	3	H P Van Arsdale Carrollton (R. F. D.)
Walnut Hill	3	Johnson Wilson Degognia
Waveland	4	W. F. Hickman Hillsboro
White Hall	5	H. O. Tunison
Woodburn (German)	3	Rev. J. F. Moery Fosterburg
Yankeetown	1	Hugh McQuen Ames
Zion	1	Rev. J. F. Moery Fosterburg

PRESBYTERY OF BLOOMINGTON.

Churches	No. Elders	Clerks
Alvin	3	C. A. Peterson
Bement	6	Harlon P. McNair
Bloomington 1st	7	William Maxwell
Bloomington 2d	10	M. L. Moore
Cayuga	3	Wm. Baughman
Cerro Gordo		
Champaign	8	Geo. W. Harwood
Chatsworth	5	D J. Stanford
Chenoa	6	Dr E. P. Holderness
Cissna Park		
Clarence	3	J. C. Smith
Clinton	8	Wm. R Randle
Cooksville	5	J. C. Wilson
Covel		
Colfax	3	J. J. Wiley
Danville 1st	7	Chas. T. Yeomans
Danville Bethany	4	Peter Scheimer
Downs	3	C. G. Goodie
Elm Grove	3	John E. Britton
El Paso	7	Geo. Shuman
Fairbury	3	Charles Keck
Jersey	3	John Odell
Lexington	7	W. R. Mahan
Mahomet	3	Jas. W. Herriott, Jr
Mansfield	2	E. S. Cunningham
Monouk	4	J. A. Simpson
Monticello	5	Carlton J. Bear
Mt Carmel	3	I. N. Horner
Normal	5	Arthur E. Stout
Onarga	6	J. W. Porter
Paxton	2	D. B. Graves
Philo	3	S. S. Love
Piper City	5	W. O. McKinney
Pontiac	6	Dr. J A. Caldwell
Prairie View	4	James H. Noble
Rankin	4	John S. Hewins
Reading	3	A. H. Patterson
Rossville	4	George Maury
Sidney	1	W. P. Jones
Selma	2	C. E. Ransom
Sheldon	3	Robert Ross
Toloua	5	T. M. Salisbury

Farmer City	2	James Steele
Gibson City	7	Oscar H. Damon
Gilman	4	Henry Harris
Heyworth	6	A. J. McComb
Hoopestown	5	O. P. Chamberlin
Homer	3	J. C. White
Towanda	3	Geo. W. Peterson
Urbana	3	Dr. E. B. Greene
Watseka	5	B. L. Gilmore
Waynesvills	5	James P. Edwards
Wellington	5	W. V. Doan
Wenona	4	Thomas J. Hoge

PRESBYTERY OF CAIRO.

Churches	No. Elders	Clerks
Anna	5	Dr. F. A. Sabin
Ava	5	Matthew Wright
Bridgeport	6	C. M. Piper
Cairo	3	M. Easterday
Campbell Hill	4	J. M. Hanna
Carbondale	7	J. M. Johnson
Carterville	2	Hugh M. Richart
Carmi	4	C. S. Conner
Centralia	6	Henry D. Buck
Cobden	5	H. A. Dubois
Duquoin	3	L. S. Smith
Enfield	1	James E. Willis
Equality	2	Thomas A. Davis
Fairfield	3	John Kean Jr.
Flora	3	C. E. Spillman
Friendsville	3	B. W. Lucas
Gahm (Pinckneyville)	8	F. P. Anderson
Gilead (Sumner)	1	Porter Craig
Golconda	7	D. G. Thomson
Grand Tower	2	J. W. Davie
Harrisburg	6	Wm. Penn Hallock
Keil	3	M. C. Keil
Lawrenceville	3	F. W. Keller
McLeansboro	1	T. M. Eckley
Metropolis	4	Cyrus P. Treat
Mt. Carmel	4	G. C. Kingsbury, M. D.
Mt. Olivet (West Liberty)	4	Wm. Eberhart
Mt. Vernon	4	W. R. Parkinson
Murphysboro	4	John H. Delano
Nashville	4	Wm. B. Anderson
Oak Grove (Oakdale)	2	Wm. Williamson
Odin (Salem)	3	John McMurray
Olney	6	John N. Horner
Pisgah (Bridgeport)	4	T. H. Gutheridge
Richland (Calhoun)	5	Rufus Snively
Saline Mines	1	James Rose
Shawneetown	4	Carl Roedel
Sumner	4	H. M. Wagner
Tamaroa	4	J. W. Haines
Union (Pasturefield)	3	S. S. Brookhart
Vergennes	3	John Crair.
Wabash (Linn)	1	Charles Andrews

PRESBYTERY OF CHICAGO.

Churches	No. Elders	Clerks
Arlington Hts	3	Sherman E. Pate
Austin	11	J. Walter Lee
Avondale	6	Axel B. Paulson
Belden Ave	11	Jonn W. McLean
Berwyn	5	Arthur J. Dunham
Bethany	5	Wm. P. Liddell
Braidwood	5	Albert A. Fawling
Brighton Park	4	Richard Collins
Brookline	7	Phineas N. Hartwell
Buckingham	3	H. S. Randall
Cabery	4	D. W. Butler
Calvary	6	Thomas J. Owen
Campbell Park	8	John C. Crafts
Central Park	5	Henry H. Stryker
Chicago 1st	11	Henry H. Munger
" 2d	10	Henry M. Ralston
" 3d	25	Russell B. Merriam
" 4th	6	Edward H. Smith
" 6th	9	Chas. J. Merritt
" 7th	5	Edgar O. Burton
" 8th	11	Frank W. Main
" 9th	6	James B. Peat
" 10th	7	William Groundwater
" 11th	3	Sytze De Bruine
" 41st St	10	William L. Moss
" 52d Av	6	Nolan R. Best
" Heights	5	Geo. H. Caskey
Christ	6	Howard E. Snyder
Covenant	10	Edward A. Halsey
Deerfield	2	Lyman H. Wilmot
Douglass Park	4	Arthur M. Houser
Du Page	3	Rev. M. B. McNutt
Edgewater	2	E. J. Holden
Elwood	4	Marcus M. Best
Emerald Ave	7	Alexander Caird
Endeavor	3	Wm. Taylor
Englewood	9	Samuel W. McCune
Evanston 1st	11	C. D. B. Howell
Evanston 2d	6	Alexander Smart
Faith	2	Wm. H. Robertson
Fullerton Ave	8	Duncan Cameron
Galilee		John J. Lorimer
Gardner	3	Winfield S. Allison
Garfield Boul	3	J. L. S. Hall
Grace	4	Stuart D. Fowler
Harvey	3	Joel E. Field
Herscher	5	J. A. Fitterley
Highland Park	8	Robt. W. Patton
Hinsdale	2	Geo. E. Fuller
Homewood	3	Wm. Cone
Hyde Park	12	Arthur H. Rugg
Immanuel	6	Geo. S. McConnell
Itasca	1	Edwin O. Nichols
Italian	3	Filippo Grilli
Jefferson Park	7	Wm. H. Watt
Joliet Central	10	Alfred Nash

Churches	No. Elders	Clerks
Joliet First	7	Frank E. Marsh
Joliet Hope	3	Herbert L. Cady
Kankakee	5	Clarence E. Holt
La Grange	5	Geo. H. Bremner
Lake Forest	8	Alfred C. Haven
Lake View	4	Dr. S. P. Hedges
Libertyville	3	A. M. Casey
Manteno	3	Edwin W. Hume
Maywood	2	Chester T. Hart
Miliard Ave	5	Robert H. Ewing
Morgan Park	6	Robert B. Thomson
New Hope (Coal City)	3	James Ross
Normal Park	9	Chas. K. Luce
Oak Park	7	O. J. Prentiss
Olivet Memorial	4	John Ford
Onward	1	Edward Leach
Peotone	5	William Elliott
Pullman	4	A. A. Chalcraft
Ravenswood		W. J. Pettit
Ridgeway Ave	5	Thomas E. Hogge
River Forest	5	Robt. F. Goldsmith
Riverside	4	Chandler P. Beach
Roseland	4	James Maderon
Scotch (Westminster)	4	Alexander Ewnson
South Chicago	4	Walter W. Hart
" S. Tabernacle	6	E. S. Stewart
So. Waukegan	4	E. P. Sedgwick
St. Anne	8	E. C. Corkins
Waukegan	4	James D. Skene
W. Division St	4	Henry B. Allen
Windsor Park	5	Raleigh Kershaw
Wilmington	4	Wm. A. Pawling
Woodlawn Park	10	Morris M. Jones
Zion (Wheeling)	3	Oltman B. Oltmans

PRESBYTERY OF FREEPORT

Churches	No. Elders	Clerks
Middle Creek	3	Wm. Bridgland
Woodstock	2	Rev. S. C. Hay
Rockford 1st	15	E. E. Wilson
Galena 1st	4	J. S. Helm
Ridgefield	4	W. P. Walkup
Zion (Schapville)	3	Rev. F. W. Bruechert
Scales Mound	3	Rev. F. W. Bruechert
Belvidere	9	H. W. Avery
Linn-Hebron	6	W. H. Groesbeck
Rockford Westminster	9	G. M. M. Glenn
Winnebago	4	W. I. Wells
Forreston Grove	3	Rev H Smith, Jr.
Freeport 1st	8	J. H Brockmeier
Cedarville	4	H. Richart
Freeport 2d	2	Geo. M Fugate
Freeport 3d	3	Wm. Dietrich
Oregon	4	Rev. R. H. Nye
Willow Creek (Argyle)	9	David Picken
Harvard	5	Theodore Goodnecht
Prairie Dell	1	Jurgen Groen
Hanover	4	W. N. Miller
Galena (German)	3	Charles Erbe
Marengo	5	E. F. McKenney
Galena South	5	J. G. Crooks
Warren	4	G. W. Pepoon
Apple River	3	James Charlton
Elizabeth	1	Rev S. R. Myers
Savanna	1	E. Hammersmith
Dakota	3	H. F. Barr

PRESBYTERY OF MATTOON.

Churches	No. Elders	Clerks
Newton	4	Rev. W. H. Prestley
Tower Hill	4	A. A Eller
Neoga	6	S. F. Wilson
Pana	9	E M. Hybarger
Toledo	3	R. C. Willis
Grand View	5	C. C. Clapp
Ashmore	4	C. R Mitchell
Bethel (Arcola)	2	C. F. Moore
Arcola	2	H U Potter
Vandalia	4	T. N. Pitkin
Taylorville	6	J N. Waddell
Morrisonville	4	H. J. Dey
Mattoon	7	Frank Cox
Beckwith Prairie	3	M. M. Dick
Palestine	4	Ira H. Bussard
Effingham	8	H. S. Parker
Bethany	1	E. G. Spence
Assumption	7	F. G. Mitchell
Charleston	5	I. B. Mitchell
Kansas	4	C. A Hite
Robinson	2	P. G. Bradbury
Oakland	5	O. L. Minter
Tuscola	5	J. R. Cantrall
Paris	6	Henry F. Neison
Shelbyville	8	Thos. H. West
Greenup	3	J. V. Runkel
Pleasant Prairie	4	J. T. McDonald (Lerna)
Mowequa	3	Robt. B. Wilson
West Okaw	4	J. H. Baird, (Prairie Home)
Dalton City	2	T. J. Brown
New Providence	3	G. N. Ulrich (Paris)
Watson	1	W. M. LeCrone
Casey	4	Geo. F. Shimel
Chrisman	3	Wiley Rogers

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.

Churches	No. Elders	Clerks
Aurora	7	Thos. B. Swan
Earlville	3	D. L. Barnard
Elgin	3	Rev. G. A. Pollock
Sandwich	6	W. W. Woodbury
Waltham	4	D. A. Bennett (Utica)
Oswego	4	Geo. M. Croushorn
Plato, 1st	4	A. H. McCormack [McQueen]
Paw-Paw	4	Robert Pogue
Grand Ridge	5	F. H. Poundstone
Troy Grove	2	A. C. McDowell
Streator	9	J. G. Campbell
Ottawa	2	Rev. D. K. Campbell
Ottawa, South	7	J. T. Cooley
Morris	5	Robert R. Doherty
Waterman	4	Wm. McFarland
Brookfield	1	J. J. Marsh
Union Grove	2	A. C. Moore
Granville	2	Robert Tutt
Mendota	6	Smiley Kirkpatrick
Rochelle	6	Cyrus J. McClymonds
Au Sable Grove	4	S. W. Johnson
Meridan	3	James McDowell
Kings	2	A. L. Konkle
Florid		Milton Ford [Florid]

PRESBYTERY OF PEORIA.

Churches	No. Elders	Clerks
Alta	1	Rev. R. C. Townsend
Altona	6	Thos. F. Templeton
Astoria	3	J. H. Merideth
Banner		James J. McCan
Brunswick	3	Mark T. Graham
Canton	5	H. F. Suydam
Crow Meadow	2	F. N. Rood
Deer Creek	3	I. W. Bogardus
Delavan	4	A. Stubbs
Elmira	6	George Rutheford
Elmwood	4	W. J. Van Patten
Eureka	6	John M. Murray
Farmington	4	John Caldwell
French Grove	2	W. E. Reed
Galesburg	12	Lee S. Pratt
Green Valley	5	S. S. Darling
Henry	5	James A. Williams
Ipava	4	Charles S. S. Barrows
John Knox	1	J. P. Milray
Knoxville	6	A. G. Charles
Lewistown	6	Oliver Rice
Limestown	2	Wm. Taylor
Oneida	5	Martin Gehring
Peoria 1st	10	David McKenney
Peoria 2d	4	David McCulloch
Peoria, Ardade Ave	2	Isaac Kellar
Peoria, Bethel	4	Wm. P. Johnson
Peoria, Calvary	6	Peter Huelsebus
Peoria 1st German	1	D. H. Teessen
Peoria, Grace	4	Calvin C. Lines
Peoria Westminster	3	P. W. Petrie
Pottstown	3	Chas. E. Miller
Princeville	3	Byron H. Wear
Prospect	3	Wm. A. Hervey
Salem	4	J. H. Parr
Vermont	2	C. H. Hamilton
Washington	2	Rev. I. A. Corneilson
Yates City	5	R. J. McKeighan

PRESBYTERY OF ROCK RIVER.

Churches	No. Elders	Clerks
Albany	3	R. E. Robinson
Aledo	9	J. W. Ramsey
Alexis	4	Alvah Weed
Arlington	3	C. A. Smith
Ashton	3	O. W. Griffith
Beulah [Orion]	1	John McCandless
Buffalo Prairie	3	S. F. Burrows
Center [Seaton]	5	W. J. McIntyre
Coal Valley	2	W. Adams
Dixon	8	John Laing
Edgington	1	Rev. T. R. Johnson
Fulton	2	J. M. Fay
Franklin Grove	2	John Blocker
Garden Plain	2	A. J. Stowell
Geneseo	6	W. M. Small
Hamlet [Aledo]	5	Elisha Lee
Keithsburg	1	M. W. Taylor
Kewanee	3	C. A. Brown
Ladd	2	J. C. Colver
Milan	3	G. H. Honens
Millersburg	5	G. E. Thornton
Morrison	7	L. E. Tuttle
Munson [Geneseo]	3	
Newton [Erie]	4	W. L. Mitchel
Norwood [Alexis]	5	A. M. Sharer
Peniel [Joy]	5	W. M. Miller
Perryton [Aledo]	3	Alva Doak
Pleasant Ridge [Milan]	3	Rev. Marion Humphrey
Princeton	5	C. M. Priestly
Rock Island Broadway	8	A. H. McCandless
Rock Island Central	6	
Spring Valley Thomson	3	G. W. Dumshee
Sterling	7	Geo. M. Robinson
Viola	3	T. L. Sexton
Woodhull	5	A. A. Mackey
Worden (Millersburg)	1	Rev. N. W. Thornton

PRESBYTERY OF SCHUYLER.

Churches	No. Elders	Clerks
Appanoose (Niota)	2	Hugh Jackson
Augusta	5	Geo. W. Wornam
Bardolph	3	E. M. Knowles
Baylis	3	N. L Barnes
Bethel (Hamilton)	3	W. K. Githen
Brooklyn	5	Jonas King
Bushnell	4	Wm. J. Fultz
Burton Memorial	2	Simon Bricker
Camp Creek (Pennington P't)	2	J. W. Campbell (Macomb)
Camp Point	2	E. E. B. Sawyer
Carthage	6	W. E. Lyon
Clayton	5	A. S. McDowell
Chili	1	D. G. Todd
Doddsville	3	Amos Harshey
Elvaston	5	S. P. McGaw
Ebenezer (Macomb)	3	Robert McNair
Ellington	3	Harris D. Morton (Quincy)
Fairmount	1	A. L. Mart (Tempest)
Fountain Green	5	E. W. Huston
Good Hope	5	Peter Van Pelt
Hersman	5	Geo. W. Means
Huntsville	3	L. R. King
Kirkwood	6	L. E. Ohler
Liberty	3	Chas. W. Linn
Lee (Mound Sta)	3	G. T. Jennings
Macomb	9	Frank R. Warren
Monmouth	14	D. W. Hare
New Salem	3	W. H. Laird
Nauvoo 1st	4	W. M. Haggett
Mt. Sterling	4	F. D. Crane
Olive (Mt. Sterling)	4	W. B. Rigg
Oquawka	4	Jas. W Gordon
Perry	2	Wm. H. Wilson
Pontoosuc	3	David Moyes
Plymouth	1	Wm. F. Ogilvie
Prairie City	4	Robert Burden
Quincy 1st	5	S. W. Phillips
Rushville	6	H. B. Roach
Salem, German (Sutter)	4	
Warsaw	0	
Wythe (Warsaw)	4	William Gray

PRESBYTERY OF SPRINGFIELD.

Churches	No. Elders	Clerks
Bates	4	William Kerr
Buffalo Hart	3	J. W. Richardson
Chatham	2	J. F. Chambers
Decatur	7	D. H. Heilman
Divernon	5	Rev. W. L. Tarbet
Farmington	3	F. W. Boyden
Greenview	2	Charles Stone
Irish Grove	5	A. H. Stone
Jacksonville (State Street)	7	J. H. Woods
Jacksonville (Westminster)	6	W. T. Brown
Jacksonville (Portuguese)	6	E. M. Vasconcellos
Lincoln	6	David Gillespie
Macon	6	C. T. Wells (Elwin, Ill.)
Maroa	3	J. H. Sterling
Manchester	3	Jas. De Wolf
Mason City	5	W. I. Kincaid
Murrayville	3	Dr. J. C. Caldwell
North Sangamon (Athens)	4	R. A. Young
Pawnee	1	F. A. Partridge
Petersburg	5	H. M. Moore
Pisgah (Orleans)	4	James Holmes
Pleasant Plains	3	W. S. Hensley
Providence (Virginia)	4	Thos. J. Nisbet
Springfield 1st	9	J. P. Bryce
Springfield 2d	7	C. G. Gray
Springfield 3d	7	W. H. Hayden
Springfield Portuguese	5	J. F. Mendonsa
Sweetwater	2	John W. Terhune
Unity (Woodson)	3	Jas. W. Craig
Virginia	3	John J. Bergen
Williamsville	2	P. J. Telfer
Winchester	3	Frank Mason

VII. REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S SYNODICAL SOCIETY OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Mrs. C. C Brown, 833 S. Fourth St., Springfield, *President.*
Mrs. S. O. Loughridge, 106 N. Madison St. Peoria, *Cor. Sec.*

The Illinois Synodical Foreign Missionary Society gratefully reports an advance, not only in methods and the aquisition of money but in systematic study of the whole subject of Missions, and with this growing intelligence, a growing sense of responsibility

Presbyterial meetings, as reported by the Secretaries, have been marked by a deepened spirituality

The work of the Field Secretary of our Board of the Northwest, Mrs. D. B. Wells, is noteworthy; in upbuilding weak and discouraged societies, in organizing new ones, in devising specific means toward the large advance we are asked to make during the coming year, she has shown both grace and wisdom. Several missionaries have visited in different parts of the State and seventeen churches of Peoria Presbytery in response to such visits from Dr. Eleanor Chestnut have worked enthusiastically to furnish the Jane G. Johnston Memorial Ward in the Lien Chow hospital of which she has charge.

The Illinois Synodical Society supports in whole or in part 7 missionaries in China, 3 in Persia, 3 in Japan, 2 in Mexico, 3 in Siam, 3 in Korea, 9 in India, 1 in Africa, 3 in the Laos, 1 in Chili,—38 in all, besides helping to support the Mexico paper "El Faro", the girl's school at Saltillo and erecting buildings in Seoul and Pyeng Yang, Korea.

During the past year, six of the eleven Presbyteries, according to their reports, have gained in membership, namely: Alton, Cairo, Chicago, Ottawa, Peoria and Springfield. Six also gained in contributions: Alton, Chicago, Peoria, Rock River, Schuyler and Springfield.

The total amount received by the Board of the Northwest from Illinois in April was $32,896.85, a gain of $1,308.98. The receipts of the last half year amounted to $9,027.24, a gain over those of the same period last year of $2,068.26.

The Synodical Society begs to bring to your consideration the fact that at least one of the Presbyterial organizations has been hindered in the meeting of the obligations already assumed, by the uniting of a society with its local church in the support of some other object. In connexion with this, kindly allow me to read a part of a letter sent out by our Field Secretary.

"Our Board is in receipt of a number of letters in regard to local societies withdrawing their gifts from their existing pledges through the Presbyterial and Synodical channels to the work of our Board, in order to unite those gifts with the contributions of their local churches in the support of entirely different objects, not under the care of the Board. In some instances this has been done at the request of the church officers. It should be obvious that this is not a real gain for the following reasons:

1. The work supported by a local society comes to it from the Presbyterial Society; that in turn comes from the Synodical Society; that again from the Woman's Board. And it receives its assigned work from the Assembly's Board of Foreign Missions. It is not hap-hazard, self-chosen or independent of constituted direction.
2. In assigning this work to the Woman's Board, the Assembly's Board expects a definite pledge of support for that already assigned, and a yearly increase in the amount of this pledge to meet increasing needs.
3. The Woman's Board has so proportioned the amount of this pledged support among its Synodical, Presbyterial and local Societies that no local Society can withdraw from this work without creating a deficit which throws a burden unjustly upon others.
4. No Society can withdraw its gifts from these definite needs and pledges without by such action crippling present authorized work and destroying its relationship to Presbyterial and Synodical Societies and to the Woman's Board.
5. Is it advance to withdraw from the support of a missionary already in the field in order to assume a new work? Shall the well tried and equipped worker on the field come home that a new one may be sent?

In order to show that we are not unreasonable or disloyal to the Assembly's Board in our position, we quote with their sanction the following:

ACTION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S BOARD.

JUNE 2, 1902.

"The Council reported a Conference with the representatives of the Woman's Board held during the sessions of the General Assembly, and in accordance, with the request of the Woman's Board the Council was authorized to issue a statement:

(1). Intimating that the Board would prefer that when possible the churches desiring to undertake the support of individual missionaries, would provide the amount necessary without interfering with the pledges made by local Woman's Societies to the Woman's Board; and that where the interests of the work really render a united movement of the entire church desirable, it should only be undertaken after correspondence with the Woman's Board involved, so that the interests of Woman's Work might not be unduly interfered with; and

(2). Expressing again the Board's earnest desire that in Special Object

work, as far as possible, the system of support of shares of classes of work, rather than of individual native workers, should be adhered to."

Also an extract from a letter from Dr. A. W. Halsey, Sec'y of the Assembly's Board for the Home Department:

"The Assembly's Board does not desire, while pressing the Forward Movement, to divert and absorb the funds of the Women's Boards. I am amazed at the number of instances you give of the violation of the law in this respect. You can speak with no uncertain sound when you say that the Assembly's Board disapproves in every single instance of these actions. After long years of patient toil and splendid development of ecclesiastical missionaries, you have produced large results, and now to have either pastor or any representative of the Board come and rob you of your rights, is not only wrong but ultimately, in my judgment, will produce disaster for the entire cause. We are opposed to it at the Home Office. The Board is opposed to it. You may quote anything I have written."

The habit of systematic giving is more and more insisted upon, and after many days these officers are seeing the fruit of their labors in the gradual but sure equalizing of gifts in the different periods of the year.

MRS. S. O. LOUGHRIDGE, COR. SEC.

VIII. REPORT OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

It seems but a little while since our last Synodical meeting, yet twelve months have gone by and today brings us to the close of what was then our new year.

Light and shade, storm and sunshine have come and gone, leaving us many a lesson to con and a deeper realization of the joy of service.

Among the young people many have wrought wisely and faithfully, but some, alas, have seemed content to be carried "on flowery beds of ease" little mindful of the prize they might have been winning.

All Presbyterial Secretaries reported promptly, and the following is a tabulated report of our gifts:

PRESBYTERY	C. E.	OTHER Y. P. SOCIETIES	TOTAL
Alton	$ 85.18	$ 10.00	$ 95.18
Bloomington	1175 35	209.78	1385.13
Cairo	124.20		124.20
Chicago	1920.62	820.13	2740.75
Freeport	510.25	42.85	553.10
Mattoon	86.92		86.92
Ottawa	166.67		166.67
Peoria	229.50	223.00	452.50
Rock River	166.83	108.00	274.83
Schuyler	664.07	35.00	699.07
Springfield	190.90	220.25	411.15
Total	$5320.49	$1669.01	$6989.50

We note an advance in the number of societies holding monthly missionary meetings. 3 meet bi-monthly, 124 monthly (against 84 of last year). 10 every two months and 16 quarterly.

Apparently we have fallen behind in our reading since only 106 libraries, containing 2244 volumes, 140 copies of Woman's Work, 150 of Over Sea and Land, 163 of Assembly Herald and 912 of Endeavor World are reported.

Missionary addresses, delivered under the auspices of the young people, numbered 121; missionary study classes and reading circles 10.

Five new societies are reported: (Alton 1, Bloomington 3, Ottawa 1); two have been reorganized in Rock River to offset the two lost there, so our net gain is only five. Forty-one societies report "interest good", 61 "medium" and 66 "small."

We have 364 members of the Tenth Legion and 1391 who follow the "two cents a week" plan, or some other systematic rule.

285 Comrades of the Quiet Hour daily remember us before the Throne, forgetting not the workers and the work.

Freeport and Rock River Presbyteries have been aroused and stimulated by the words of a student volunteer. During the past summer Mr. John R. Peale of Princeton seminary visited a number of churches and societies. The success of his work will appear in next year's report.

Our missionary circle still numbers ten.

Since Mr. Hyde's return to India, his letters to the young people of Schuyler, have been filled with pleas for more prayer, more workers and more means, that the work there may be pushed as it ought to be.

The societies of Freeport, Ottawa and Peoria are asked to transfer their affections from Mr. Freeman of Laos to Mr. Garvin of Valparaiso, Chile. This means an increase in gifts of $425, but we have faith in the willingness and ability of the young people of these Presbyteries. We feel sure that they will make the effort. Miss Colman of Chicago and Miss Shaw (representing Alton, Mattoon and Springfield in Japan) are growing strong and well at home, and Mr. McGaw is planning to visit as many societies as possible in Bloomington and Cairo Presbyteries, that those young people may hear directly what he has been doing as their representative in India. I believe that Mr. Johnson, who is supported by the Clinton society, is also home on furlough, but I am not certain. The others, Mr. Bernheisel and Mrs. Swallen in Korea, Dr. Blanche Wilson Stead (who since our last report decided that it was "not good to be alone" in Persia), and Miss Jenks in India are all hard at work at their several stations.

A good year it has been. Among others, I choose this in particular: Miss Koehler, Secretary for the South Side, Chicago, writes: "The year closing in the spring was a successful year, for the interest in missions was deeper; more libraries were purchased; more missionary meetings held, and there was an advance of $145 in gifts from the South Side alone. The prospects for this year are better than ever."

A good year it has been. What of the one before us? The calls from foreign lands are so urgent and numerous that the Board of the North-west asks for a 20 per cent increase in gifts.

"Shall we whose souls are lighted, with wisdom from on high,
Shall we, to men benighted, the lamp of life deny?'.

Let us be systematic and faithful in our giving, not forgetting *quarterly payment* of pledges.

For the first five months of the present year only three (Chicago, Peoria and Schuyler) have failed to come up to last year's record of corresponding date. The others have advanced.

And now a word to you, dear *local* secretaries. A large share of the responsibility and trust rests upon you. You are the medium of communication by which our messages are to be transmitted to the young people. See to it that letters from Presbyterial and Synodical officers are *always* presented to your society; that the message does not stop with you.

We cannot close this report without a word concerning one whose loss we have felt so keenly. Early in the year our beloved secretary on the Board heard a voice saying: "It is enough, come up higher," and Mrs. Greenman passed to her reward. I feel that I, and you, and our young people's work owe more than can be told to her faithful, cheerful service, always so lovingly rendered. Her mantle has fallen upon Mrs Geo L Robinson of Chicago. The Lord bless her and keep her; the Lord make his face to shine upon her.

There is a legend, current in the Greek Church about two favorite saints, St. Cassian, the type of monastic, ascetic, individual Christianity which bids "for cloistered cell, its neighbor and its work farewell," and St. Nicholas, the type of genial active, unselfish Christianity. St Cassian enters heaven and Christ says to him: "What hast thou seen on earth Cassian?" "I saw," said Cassian "a peasant floundering with his wagon in a marsh." "Didst thou help him?" "No." "Why not?" "I was coming before Thee" said St Cassian, "and was afraid of soiling my white robes." Then St. Nicholas enters, all covered with mud and mire. "Why so stained and soiled Nicholas?" asks the Lord. "I saw a peasant floundering with his wagon in a marsh," said Nicholas, "and put my shoulder to the wheel and helped him out." "You did well. You did better than Cassian," said the Lord, and he blessed Nicholas with four-fold approval. Which will you be, a St. Cassian or a St. Nicholas?

Respectfully submitted,

FANNY F. CLELAND, Synodical Secretary of Young People's Work.

IX. REPORT OF WOMAN'S SYNODICAL SOCIETY FOR HOME MISSIONS.

FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1903.

PRERBYTERY	HOME MISSIONS	FREEDMEN
Alton	$ 426.69	$ 139.00
Bloomington	2497.27	681.55
Cairo	302.01	191.07
Chicago	9058.52	1925.89
Freeport	844.10	1251.67
Mattoon	507.59	267.38
Ottawa	313.90	215.11
Peoria	1306.00	246.05
Rock River	1085.16	162.99
Schuyler	1023 79	392.02
Springfield	1642 08	538.75
	$19,007.11	$6,011.48

The above are amounts sent to the treasurer of the Board in New York, and do not include local or presbyterial current expense funds. The Home Mission gain over preceding year is $92.48, and for same period a loss for Freedmen of $246.88.

There is, however, little comfort in this small increase in figures, when we remember that two legacies were received in Bloomington and Chicago Presbyteries, amounting to $1550, showing actual decrease in gifts through the usual channels. Six presbyterial societies, namely Alton, Cairo, Chicago, Freeport, Rock River and Schuyler, show a gain in Home Missions. Peoria would also have been in this list but for a delayed remittance which reached New York too late to be counted in this year's report.

The societies which have made gain on total contributions for Home Mis-

sions and Freedmen are Alton, Bloomington, Cairo, Chicago, Schuyler and Springfield. But three societies show gain in both Home Mission and Freedmen columns, namely, Alton, Cairo and Schuyler. The number of societies reported in 316, 5 less than last year

The story of the year suggests the newsboy who had "plenty of news, but nothing to holler" There will always be these ebb tides somewhere, and they are generally to be accounted for by local reasons of temporary character. For the most part, the same faithful women have done their usual work, and all pledges have been met.

Through the kindness of the treasurer of Synod's Home Mission Committee and the treasurers of the Boards, I am able to give the following report of receipts for work under Women's board from Oct. 1st, 1902, to Oct 1st, 1903:

PRESBYTERIAL SOCIETY	WOMEN'S SOCIETIES	Y. P. SOCIETIES AND S. SCHOOLS	TOTALS
Alton	523 03	20 07	543.10
Bloomington	1263.36	413.81	1677.17
Cairo	279.86	36.00	315.86
Chicago	8802.27	1273 33	10075.60
Freeport	713 33	139.92	853 25
Mattoon	504.98	97.21	602.19
Ottawa	268.69	25.71	294.40
Peoria	1300 50	190.50	1491.00
Rock River	1047.91	304 66	1352.57
Schuyler	709 42	159.70	869.12
Springfield	1637.41	282.75	1920.16
	$17050.76	2943.66	19994.42

This is advance of $955.58 over the preceding year.

For the 1st and 2d quarters of the present year, April to October, 5 societies have gained in Home Mission contributions $325.15 over the same period of last year These are Alton, Chicago, Mattoon, Rock River and Schuyler. The loss for this half year in Bloomington, Ottawa, Peoria and Springfield is $221.48.

For Freedmen, during this time, the following societies report gain of $286.52: Alton, Bloomington, Mattoon, Peoria, Rock River, Schuyler and Springfield The societies of Chicago and Ottawa show a loss of $72.41. The treasurers of Cairo and Freeport have failed to reply, but I learn that Freeport has a gain of $71.22 on her total for Home Missions and Freedmen.

Our Secretary, Mrs. Monroe, has placed in the hands of societies all applications for boxes received from the chairman of Synod's Home Mission Committee Thirteen have been sent, or are in course of preparation, to families of pastors, and as many more, filled with clothing and bedding, have gone, by request, for general distribution by pastors in the district devastated by the Mississippi floods last spring.

But 48 Sunday Schools contributed to the support of Home Mission schools last year, whereas there were 60 the year before. As some of these make their offerings for scholarships which have been carried many years, it is clear that but few pay any attention to the recommendation of the General Assembly that *all* Sunday Schools make an annual offering for the work of the Women's Home Mission Board on the Sabbath before Thanksgiving. An interesting and educational program is sent free to all who will use it. Since so few avail themselves of this offer, and the Young Women's Societies and Bands number together but 45, "still the wonder grows" where will be found the intelligent supporters of this work for the next generation. Perhaps there is the optimistic expectation that by that time there will *be* no Mormon, Mexican, Indian or Mountaineer needing a missionary, but all within our borders will be Christian Americans.

The good news of the past year was that "from the ranks of school boy and school girl life 759 souls were born into the Kingdom."

In this 25th year of the W. H. M. Board, to which our society is auxiliary, it is pleasant to remind the fathers and brethren that there are now 98 churches on the Assembly's roll which are the direct resultant of our work.

"Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory."

ALICE J. D. ROBINSON, President.

X. SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SYNODICAL SECRETARY AND SYNODICAL COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS, OCT. 1902 – OCT. 1903.

One day, not long ago, there steamed out of that beautiful land-locked harbor, of which southern California is so proud, a magnificent warship. She went to sea simply for target practice. Although but a few miles out, those *in* the city heard little or nothing of the booming cannon, but many miles *away*, upon slope and mountain, the explosions were heard with wonderful accuracy and volume

Thus has it been with our Freedmen's work. At home there has been only occasional outbursts, but far away in Va , the Carolinas, Ga., Fla., Miss , Ark., Tex., and Ind. Ty our 286 faithful teachers, in 86 schools have diligently taught 11,273 pupils. Imagine this army storing their minds and hearts for future sharing with those less favored. Each has felt the blessing that follows every effectual, fervent prayer in their behalf, and not a few have been gathered as prospective stars for the Master's crown.

To day, as a Synodical Committee, we pass a memorable milestone in the history of our Freedmen's work. To day we are "sweet sixteen." Yes 16 years ago we were appointed, at the overture of the Freeport Presbyterial Society, "to see what *could* be done to arouse an interest in the needs of our Freedmen among the Presbyterian women of Illinois." *Then* scarcely $500 was given by us *all*, women, young people, and S. S. to this great department of work, and of that nearly $450 was given by the Freeport Presbyterial for the then *new* "Mary Allen Seminary" in Texas. Not a few of us here present (in body or in spirit) can recall the earnest prayers offered that our eyes might be opened, our steps directed, our minds quickened by an exact knowledge, and our hearts and purses respond freely to the cries of these people for a Christian education, cries often inaudible, *but not less intense.*

Cotton Plant, with its earnest needs, came *first* for our assistance, the child of our first love. Do *you* remember, sister, *do* you remember that long utter silence which followed the appeal from your Committee, just appointed at the Synodical Meeting in Oak Park, for aid for those "8 earnest black women, who had literally done *all they could* for self help?" *Do you remember it?* Well do some of us recall it, and our unspeakable gratitude when that dread silence was broken by the 4th Church Chicago pledging the first $40! Little did *they* or *we*, even, *realize the result* of that "corner stone laying" for God and native

land by our Synodical Society! From that memorable hour, by devious ways in sunshine and shade, but *never* in *darkness*, for "He is our Light," has work advanced, till, during these 16 years, as acknowledged in Missionary periodicals, and by other vouchers, we can report $96,229.15 as the gifts of *Ill. women, young people* and *children* for *Freedmen*, besides valuable boxes, sent each year! Nor does this sum include several large gifts sent directly to fields here and there, the amounts known only to God. "Christ present it, God accept it."

Time will not permit us to review *all* the way He hath led us, but we can most emphatically set up our banners, "Ebenezer" Hitherto the Lord *hath* helped us," and "Jehovah Jireh," "The Lord *will provide*." "Blessed are they that trust in the Lord. They shall renew their strength."

"Cotton Plant" Academy was soon followed by "Monticello Academy," Ark., (dear Monticello! for which we are asked especially to work *again this year*), and "Oak Hill," Ind. Ty. These *entire* "buildings" with their "furnishings." Then followed the "furnishings" for Pine Bluff, Ark., $2000 toward the *first* building at "Swift Mem.," Rogerville, Tenn., (for which our C. Es and some Societies are *again* asked to help *this* year), and the school and church at *Hot Springs, Ark.*, with our dear "Mary Holmes" Sem. and "Endeavor Hall" funds for which were so very largely from Ill. From the fiercest furnace comes the purest gold, and today at the Mary Holmes Sem., after a year *signalized* by *furnace heats*,—first severe illness of the faithful Pres., requiring my help for the opening of the school last Oct., then the dreadful scourge of small pox for 10 long weeks, before I could return, followed very soon by the prolonged and *fatal illness* of the Pres., when I again went to their relief for nine weeks,—a year full of anxiety and "labors exceeding" for *all*, yet a year when the Holy Spirit was *constantly present*, calling one after another, till only one of the full school 213, was not a Christian;—after *such* a year of trial and of victory, of suffering and of a glorious "Well Done" within the gates;—the Lord has sent a new Pres., Rev. J. Stevenson, a man we believe "after His own heart," instant in season and out of season, and remarkably adapted to the position. With an army of earnest girls and such a devoted and united Faculty, what may we *not* expect at the Lord's hand *this* year. "Bring me yet a vessel," said the prophet, and they said: "there is not a vessel more" then we read: "And the oil was stayed." Let us fail not to carry *all* our mission work *constantly* to our Lord for His continued blessing, and *we shall have it!!*

A glance at our Sydodical year, 1902-3, reveals encouraging progress, though far smaller than we hoped. Of contributing Women's Societies there are 235, a gain of 3; of Y. P. Societies, 110, a gain of 17; but of S. S.s!—dare I breathe it?—only 39 in all this great state gave one cent to Freedmen. "Tell it not in Gath! publish it not in Askelon!" As Societies we bear a loss of $132.41 and of our special gifts a loss of $446 99; this last is partly due to a bequest of last year. But our C. E.s have made a long step forward, an increase of $858 34, partly sent direct to the Board and part via Presbyterial Treasurer. Hence the total cash gain in the Synod for Women, Y. P. and S. S. is $153.55.

As your Synodical Secretary, my time and strength have been *so* largely required at the M H Sem. that I have held only 33 meetings in Ills. directly for Freedmen. 935 letters have been sent to Societies and C. E s, with various leaflets and circulars. The little "Bulletin" has also done duty at hundreds of hearthstones, "a tongue for the dumb and him that has no (few) helpers." Does it come to *your* home, sister? If you would know *what* the church is doing, *where* it is doing it, what *you can* do, what *some* body *must* do for these dusky ones, you should have this "News Letter," only a *dime* per year, or 3 years for 25 cents. There is not one cent in it for *me*, personally, and never has been these 9 years. (was not *intended* to be), and it costs me much money each year besides my time and labor. Because so many "free copies" have gone out, many have supposed the Board was "back of it," but *no* body but *myself* is, humanly speaking, responsible for it. It is an "offering to the Lord," but with the greatly increased expense since the expiration of the long time, cheap contract, I cannot continue all these "free copies;" therefore please *subscribe* today, through Mrs. Nash, and then get up a good club in your home Societies. In Illinois, the Joliet Central Church carries the banner for full list, doubtless due to Mrs. Nash's fidelity. God will reward her, and *you*, if you will "do likewise," and those of the Southland will be grateful. God has so wonderfully blessed nearly every separate issue to the aid of some poor school or church that I *dare* not withold *my little* share, but appeal to you, for your family's sake, to have it on your table.

Our "new work" for 1903-4 is for Women's Societies $900, of the $2000 required for the *Boy's Building at Monticello*, Ark., and $500 of $10,000 for the Boy's Building at "Swift." Then for our C. E.s, it is $500 more for "Swift." This is *beyond* all *present pledges*. whether for salaries, Scholarships or Parochials. For "Monticello" *surely* we *will work with a will*. *It* is "our very own *Illinois*" school, and every Presbyterial will vie with every other to have its share for *this* school "in" first Apportionments have been sent out to all, and we *can certainly* raise these amounts by or before March 1904, if we *start now*, and *keep at it*. All funds heretofore given for "Brainard and Ingleside" should now go for "*Monticello and Swift*." Will Presbyterial Treasurer please note this and *not* forward *anything* for Freedmen's "*General* Fund" *until* these apportionments, with the "pledges" are *fully met*.

Our S. S.s too, should have a hand also in this Department, "children for children," and the "Parochials" are the "special work" *assigned* to them. The month of Dec. is "Freedmen's Month" in the churches, and if not *before*, certainly *then*, will not each sister here consider herself a committee of one to consult with her Pastor and Superintendent as to this, and not merely "ask" but *secure* an *opportunity* for the *S. S* to *aid these Parochials*. Please see to it that it is an *intelligent* offering. Read to the children, selections from the "Bulletin," of Needs and Results, if nothing better offers, but see to it that our Youth and C. E s have a *chance* to give to Freedmen and know *who* they are helping, and *why*, and *what* has *resulted* from such aid in the past. Empha-

size the fact that not a penny of "*Home* Mission" money *ever* helps a colored child, and not a penny of "Freedmen's" money helps a *white* child: that the two Boards are *wholly separate*, though our General Treasurer, Miss Lincoln, *receives* both funds and *passes* them to the *respective* Boards. It is not so much the *amount*, though every dollar counts, but our youth should be *trained* to *love* their colored brother *as* a brother; to know not only his bad side, as indicated in the big headlines of the daily press, but to realize his *remarkably good side*, and really see that while the very *few* are villains, the *roos* and *roos* are safe, law abiding citizens, desperately ignorant, but doing their utmost under the impediments they bear, and looking to their white brothers and sisters for the hand of sympathy and true helpfulness. If the Supt. will but announce that "on such a Sabbath an offering will be taken" and the "boxes" are passed, there *will be* a response of the "five loaves and few small fishes." As we love our children, love the church, prize her Miss. Boards; and as we honor our Country, let us train our children to true Christian benevolence and beneficence. Let there be no lagging foot, no tender foot at this juncture. *Are* we, dear sisters, awake to the *opportunities* and *responsibilities* upon us for our Freedmen?

"He hath sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat,
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgement seat:
Oh, be swift my soul to answer Him! Be jubilant my feet!
Our God *is marching on!*" Glory, Hallelujah! Our God *is* marching on."

Respectfully submitted,

MARY E. HOLMES, Secretary, Rockford, Ill.

XI. WOMEN'S SYNODICAL HOME MISSIONS COMMITTEE. 1903-1904.

Alton Presbytery	Mrs. James Hood	Sparta
	Miss Mary Ellis	Carrollton
	Mrs. J. A. Campbell	E. St. Louis
Bloomington Presbytery	Mrs. E. W. Alvord	Bement
	Miss Kate W. Hamilton	Bloomington
	Mrs. S. C. Black	Clinton
Cairo Presbytery	Mrs. T. E. Spilman	Du Quoin
	Mrs. H. C. Wiley	Anna
	Mrs. J. M. Lansden	Cairo
Chicago Presbytery	Mrs. J. W. Craig	Chicago
	Mrs. J. W. Helmer	Chicago
	Mrs. D. D. Carter	Chicago
	Mrs. E. H. Curtis	Chicago
Freeport Presbytery	Mrs. C. E. Dunn	Freeport
	Miss Anna Felt	Galena
	Miss Agnes McMichael	Caledonia
Mattoon Presbytery	Mrs. J. A. Piper	Charleston
	Mrs. C. D. Jerauld	Vandalia
	Mrs. J. W. Hunter	Paris
Ottawa Presbytery	Mrs. O. C. Johnson	Morris
	Mrs. J. B. Bailey	Mendota
	Mrs. D. K. Campbell	Ottawa
Peoria Presbytery	Mrs. Robert C. Grier	Peoria
	Mrs. B. V. George	Elmwood
	Mrs. S. O. Loughridge	Peoria
Rock River Presbytery	Mrs. J. W. Skinner	Morrison
	Mrs. T. R. Johnson	Edgington
	Mrs. J. M. Wallace	Aledo
Schuyler Presbytery	Mrs. W. R. King	Monmouth
	Mrs. M. P. Ormsby	Warsaw
	Mrs. S. L. Allison	Rushville
Springfield Presbytery	Mrs Clinton Conkling	Springfield
	Mrs. B. H. Brainerd	Lincoln
	Mrs. C. C. Brown	Springfield

XII SUMMARY OF WOMANS' WORK OF HOME MISSIONS IN THE SYNOD OF ILLINOIS FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1903.

SYNODICAL OFFICERS AND ADDRESSES—President, Mrs. C. W. Robinson, Bloomington; Secretary and Treasurer of Contingent Fund, Mrs. M. C Monroe, Chicago; Young People's Secretary, Miss Louise Frackelton, Petersburg; Secretary of Literature, Mrs. Alfred Nash, Joliet.

PRESBYTERIES	OFFICERS	
	PRESIDENT AND ADDRESS	SECRETARY AND ADDRESS
Alton	Mrs. G. W. T. Reynolds, East St. Louis	Mrs. M. E. Garrigus, Trenton
Bloomington	Mrs. Wm. Camp, Bement	Mrs. M. C. Long, Piper City
Cairo	Mrs. T E. Spilman, Du Quoin	Miss Augusta D. Swan, Metropolis
Chicago	Mrs. A. G. Beebe, 582 W. Adams St. Chicago	Mrs. C. K. Adams, 40 E Randolph, Chicago
Freeport	Miss Mary E. Holmes, Rockford	Miss Elizabeth Williams, Rockford
Mattoon	Mrs Ella Read, Charleston	Miss Lillie Kirkpatrick, Pana
Ottawa	Mrs Chas. Handwerk, Morris	Miss Agnes Deffenbaugh, Ottawa
Peoria	Miss Julia H. Johnston, Peoria	Mrs. R. J. McKeighan, Yates City
Rock River	Mrs. Helen M. Mills, Rock Island	Mrs L. E. Pritchard, Woodhull
Schuyler	Mrs. J W. Pugh, Fountain Green	Mrs. J. T Foster, Monmouth
Springfield	Mrs. Alice D. Wells, Decatur	Mrs. H. F. Carril, Jacksonville

No. of Societies	316	Specials	$ 2388.73
No. of Boards	45	Home Mission Total	25,714 63
No of Members of Auxiliary Societies	8009	Of this amount for Freedmen	5,964 49
No of Sabbath Schools Contributing	48	Contingent Fund, Presbyl. and Synod	1,551 61
Amount from Societies	$19702 61	Value of Boxes and Packages	5,283.41
Amount from Boards	637.32	Money actually expended on boxes	1,848.41
Amount from Y. P. S. C. E.	1939.28	No. of Copies of "H. M. M."	1597
Amount from Junior C, E	259.62	No. of Copies of "O. S. and L."	728
Amount from Sabbath Schools	787 07		

MRS, M C. MONROE, Sec. and Treas Contingent Fund.

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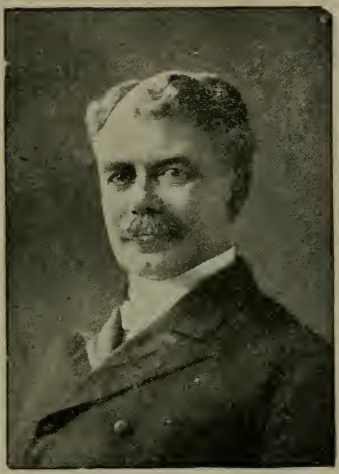

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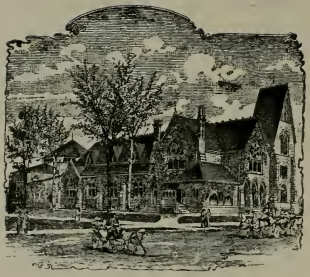

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THE MINUTES OF

THE SYNOD OF ILLINOIS

IN SESSION AT ROCK ISLAND, ILL.,

October 18, 1904.

The Synod of Illinois met according to appointment on October 18th, 1904, in the Broadway Presbyterian Church of Rock Island, Ill., and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, the Rev. E. L. Williams of Peoria Presbytery, from I. Chronicles 4:10. His theme was, "Enlargement under the Protection and Blessing of God." After the sermon, the Synod was constituted with prayer by the Moderator and the Stated Clerk prepared the roll, which is as follows :

THE ROLL OF SYNOD.

ALTON PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—M. H. Kerr, W. H. Bradley, G. W. Fisher, W. E. Archibald, W. H. Parker.

Elders—Henry Fensterman, F. H. Elam.—7.

BLOOMINGTON PRESBYTERY.

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Elders—A. J. McComb, J. C. White, James Love, L. B. Segur, J. C. Smith, Wm. Maxwell.—16.

CAIRO PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—F. O. Seamans, J. T. McKnox, J. M. McKnight, S. E. Taylor, L. C. Gray.

Elders—G. A. Willis, E. E. Willis.—7.

CHICAGO PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—F. L. Selden, C. G. Reynolds, J. W. Nicely, O. B. Oltmans, E. N. Ware, D. E. Long, D. H. Cornell, H. Abraham, H. W. Burger, E. Campbell, W. W. Johnstone, C. L. Lucas, G. N. Luccock, A. C. Manson, R. D. Scott, S. L. Divine, W. S. P. Bryan, W. F. Goff, Geo. Dugan, W. E. McLennan, R. B. McCain, S. M. Campbell, G. P. Williams, James Frothingham, F. M. Carson.

Elders—S. H. Brown, H. P. Merriman, J. M. Emery, John A. Cole, C. M. Williams, W. S. Kiskaddon, Jacob Mortenson, Alex. McLachlan, H. J. Treat, H. H. Stryker, T. G. McCulloh, C. B. Cheadle, W. J. Pettitt, J. D. Skene, C. J. Lancaster, J. C. Hoenk, J. B. Kerr, W. H. Watt, John Jeffrey, P. S. Sutcliffe.—45.

FREEPORT PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—F. H. Kroesche, John Van De Erve, B. L. Brittin, R. M. Crissman, J. T. Ford, F. Y. Nichols.

Elders—E. T. Cleveland, H. M. Turner, C. P. Fillmore, W. N. Miller, J. S. Langwill.—11.

MATTOON PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—Robert B. Irwin, Samuel A. Caldwell, George Lockhart, Samuel M. Morton, Charles Christensen, Samuel W. Patterson.

Elders—Samuel F. Wilson, Robert B. Wilson.—8.

OTTAWA PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—James D. McCaughtry, Charles W. Anthony, John S. Martin, Daniel H. Rohrabaugh, Oliver C. Johnson.

Elders—Isaac VanDorn, J. J. Marsh, W. J. Williams, W. S. Lyon.—9.

PEORIA PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—W. H. Mason, Wm. H. Pumphrey, Edgar L. Williams, James Benson, John B. Farrell, James A. Sankey, Frank C. Everitt.

Elders—Charles N. Good, Wm. A. Hervey, Calvin C. Lines, Charles S. S. Barrows, George E. Montgomery.—12.

ROCK RIVER PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—J. M. Tidball, Lewis C. Voss, H. M. Markley, W. E. Donaldson, John G. Griffin, W. V. Jeffries, W. S. Marquis, S. S. Cryor.

Elders—C. E. Hansen, W. L. Candor, T. F. Sexton, J. C. Thompson, John Watt, Robert Wallace, F. G. Young.—15.

SCHUYLER PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—E. M. Clingan, W. R. Stewart, W. A. Hutchison, S. H. Hyde, R. M. Hall, J. F. Winnard.

Elders—G. C. Bartels, R. A. Denny, Chas. Harris, Arthur Walker, G. W. Worman, R. W. Wheeler.—12.

SPRINGFIELD PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—Thos. D. Logan, Elmer P. Loose, R. F. Cressey, George C. Lenington, Wm. H. Penhallegon.

Elders—J. W. Richardson.—6.

Number of Ministers present - - -	88
Number of Elders present - - - -	60
Total number present - - - -	148

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

Rev. R. B. Williams, of Central Illinois Conference of the M. E. Church.

Rev. M. V. Crumbaker, of Central Illinois Conference of the M. E. Church.

Rev. O. W. Lawrence, of the Christian Church.

Rev. D. L. McNary, of the United Presbyterian Synod of Ill.

Rev. H. W. Reed, of the 1st Baptist Church of Rock Island, Illinois.

Rev. E. C. Ray, of the Synod of Illinois.

Rev. C. M. Steffens, of the Synod of Iowa.

Rev. Henry T. McClelland, of the Synod of Pennsylvania.

Rev. George A. McAfee, of the Synod of New York.

Rev. John Pearson, of Cincinnati M. E. Conference.

Rev. Frederick J. Stanley, of the Synod of New York.

Rev. T. J. Moffat, of the Synod of Iowa.

Rev. H. A. Johnson, of the Synod of New York.

Rev. Wm. Story, of United Presbyterian Synod of Illinois.

Rev. Thomas D. Logan of the Presbytery of Springfield, was elected Moderator, and the Rev. E. N. Ware of the Chicago Presbytery, and the Rev. Walter H. Bradley of Alton Presbytery, were elected temporary clerks.

The Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements presented the printed program for the proceedings of Synod, which was adopted and is as follows :

PROGRAM.

Tuesday Evening, October 18, 1904.

7:30 Sermon by the Moderator—REV. EDGAR L. WILLIAMS

8:30 Synod constituted with prayer.
Roll call.
Election of Moderator and Temporary Clerks.
Adoption of program.
Report of Committee of Arrangements.

Wednesday Morning, October 19, 1904.

8:30 Devotional Fellowship.

8:40 Completion of Roll. Reading Minutes.
Introduction of Corresponding Members.
Announcement of Standing Committees.
Records and papers presented and distributed.
Report of Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

9:15 Christian Education—REV. W. S. P. BRYAN, Chairman.

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; and the knowledge of the holy is understanding."

1. Our Educational Agencies.
McCormick Theological S'm'y.
Lake Forest College.
Blackburn College.
Illinois College.
Geneseo Collegiate Institute.
Union Academy.

2. Our Work for Candidates for the Christian Ministry.
Rev. W. S. P. Bryan.
Rev. Cornelius M. Steffens.

3. Our Duty to Youth in State Institutions.
Rev. Edward W. Clippinger.

4. Our Plans for the Colleges and Academies Within Our Border.
Rev. W. S. Marquis, Chairman Synodical Educational Committee.
Rev. E. C. Ray, Secretary College Board.

12:00 Luncheon at the Church.

Wednesday Afternoon, October 19, 1904.

1.30 Preparation by Prayer. Report of Committee on Bills and Overtures.

3:00 Conference on Foreign Missions.
—REV. W. S. MARQUIS, Chairman
Key-note: Christ's Command, "Go Ye."

1. Praise and Prayer.
2. Synod's response to Christ's command in 1903-04.
   Women's Societies
   —Mrs. S. O. Loughridge.
   Young People's Societies
   —Miss Fanny Cleland.
   Congregations
   Rev. Geo. C. Lenington.
3. The Forward Movement.
   (a) The Motive Power
   Rev. Chas. M. Spining,
   Talca, Chile.
   (b) The Need and Plan
   Mr. David McConaughy,
   Sec'y. Forward Movement.
   (c) Discussion and prayer.

3:30 The Spiritual Life of the Church.
—REV. FRANK M. CARSON, Chairman
Facts and Figures from the Field.
The Evangelistic Campaign
—REV. HOWARD AGNEW JOHNSTON

4:15 The Communion of the Lord's Supper.

5:00 Recess.

7:30 Address, "Christ's Cause in India."
W. A. WANLESS, M. D.
Address, "In this Sign Conquer"
—MR. DAVID McCONAUGHY

8:30 Address, "The Provision and Perpetuation of a Gospel Ministry."—REV. B. E. S. ELY, JR.

Thursday Morning, October 20, 1904.

Home Missions—REV. THOMAS D. LOGAN, Chairman.

Opportunity! Opportunity! "For a great and effectual door is opened unto us."

8:30 Pray ye the Lord of the Harvest.

8:40 Reports of Committees—Finance, Assembly Minutes.

9:30 Building Up the Weak Places.
In Illinois—REV. THOMAS D. LOGAN.
The Cost—REV. EDWIN L. LORD.
By the Women—REV. GEO. F. McAFEE.
Among the Freedmen—MISS MARY E. HOLMES.
The Outlook—REV. EDGAR L. WILLIAMS.
Discussion.

11:30 Report of Special Committee on Powers of Licentiates
—MR. EPHRAIM BANNING.
Miscellaneous Business.

12:00 Recess. Guests entertained in the homes.

Thursday Afternoon, October 20, 1904.

1:30 "Watch unto prayer, and above all things have fervent charity among yourselves."

1:45 Miscellaneous business. Next place of meeting.

2:00 General Church Work.
—REV. HENRY K. DENLINGER, Chairman
"Bear ye one another's burdens."

1. Allied Agencies.
2. Brief reports.
3. Topic for discussion: Mutual Benefits and General Church Life.

3:30 The Youth of the Church
REV. W. FRANCIS IRWIN, Chairman.

1. Report of Chairman.
2. Address—REV. W. J. McCAUGHAN.
3. Five-minute addresses from Commissioners.

4:30 Miscellaneous business.

5:00 Recess.

Thursday Evening, October 20, 1904.

7:30 Address on Home Missions, Rev. HOWARD A. JOHNSTON Representative of the Board of Home Missions.

8:30 The Battle with the Saloon.—MR. W. H. ANDERSON, Supt. Illinois Anti-Saloon League.

The Synod then adjourned with prayer until 8:30 o'clock tomorrow morning.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 8:30 O'CLOCK.

The Synod met and engaged in devotional services led by the Rev. S. M. Morton. The Moderator convened the Synod. The Roll was completed. The minutes of last evening were read and approved.

The Moderator announced the following standing committees:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Vice Moderator—REV. S. C. BLACK.

Committee on Records of Presbyteries.

Rev. W. V. Jeffries, Chairman.

Sub-Committees.

ALTON.

Rev. A. B. Cooper, H. M. Turner, J. W. Richardson.

BLOOMINGTON.

Rev. W. E. Archibald, S. H. Brown, Rev. W. F. Goff.

CAIRO.

Rev. F. L. Selden, W. H. Parker, Alex McLachlan.

CHICAGO.

Rev. John S. Martin, Rev. S. M. Morton, E. E. Willis.

FREEPORT.

Rev. C. W. Anthony, A. T. McComb, Jacob Mortensen.

MATTOON.

Rev. S. H. Hyde, Rev. E. P. Loose, Rev. S. M. Taylor.

OTTAWA.

Rev. F. T. Nichols, W. A. Heney, H. P. Merriman.

PEORIA.

Rev. J. M. Tidball, Rev. D. E. Long, J. J. Marsh.

ROCK RIVER.

G. C. Bartells, C. M. Williams, Rev. James Benson.

SCHUYLER.

Rev. George C. Lenington, H. J. Treat, W. N. Miller.

SPRINGFIELD.

Rev. W. A. Hutchison, J. D. Skene, L. F. Cooper.

BILLS AND OVERTURES.

Rev. Edgar L. Williams, Rev. G. N. Luccock, Rev. S. H. Hyde, Rev. R. F. Cressey, William Maxwell, G. A. Willis, C. E. Henson.

JUDICIAL BUSINESS.

Rev. W. H. Penhallegon, Rev. R. D. Scott, Rev. C. S. Davies, Rev. W. E. Archibald, James Love, J. S. Langwill, R. W. Wheeler.

MINUTES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Rev. J. D. McCaughtry, Rev. C. G. Reynolds, Rev. M. F. Paisley, F. H. Elam, Calvin C. Lines.

FINANCE AND TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.

T. G. McCulloh, F. G. Young, James Williams.

ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCE.

Rev. Geo. P. Williams, Rev. W. E. Donaldson, Rev. M. H. Kerr, G. C. Bartels, Charles N. Good.

The Stated Clerk presented the papers in his hands addressed to the Synod, which were referred to their ap propriate committees.

The Committee on the Spiritual Life of the Church presented the following order for the administration of the Lord's Supper this afternoon, which was adopted :

Ministers—Rev. Geo. N. Luccock; E. M. Clingan.

Elders to Administer the Bread—Henry M. Stryker, Robt. Wallace, James Williams, Wm. Maxwell, J. S. Langwill, G. A. Willis, C. C. Lines, R. W. Wheeler.

Elders to Administer the Wine—J. C. Thomson, H. J. Treat, F. H. Elam, Jacob Mortensen, E. E. Willis, Isaac VanDorn, Geo. E. Montgomery, R. A. Denny.

The Stated Clerk presented his report, which was received and adopted, as follows :

REPORT OF STATED CLERK.

The Stated Clerk respectfully reports.

1. That the Records of the Synod of Illinois for 1903 were approved without exception by the General Assembly.
2. That the General Assembly answered in the affirmative the overture from this Synod on omitting from its records the names of absentees, and took no action on on the overtures on the designations W. C. and S. S. in the Statistical Reports of Presbyteries.
3. That he has received the statistical reports from the Presbyteries, and recommends that they be placed in the appendix of the Minutes.
4. That the committee of arrangements met at Monmouth in July and recommends that the expense of same, amounting to $6.65, be paid by the Synod.

5. He requests authority to purchase a copy of the Digest for the use of the Synod.
6. He recommends that a committee of five be appointed by the Moderator to nominate the Permanent Committees for the ensuing year, and to recommend such modifications of the new method of business as seems necessary.

The Treasurer's Report was presented and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following were invited to sit as Corresponding Members :

The Rev. R. B. Williams, of Central Illinois Conference of the M. E. Church.

The Rev. M. V. Crumbaker, of Central Illinois Conference of M. E. Church.

The Rev. O. W. Lawrence, of the Christian Church.

The Rev. D. L. McNary, United Presbyterian Synod of Illinois.

The Rev. H. W. Reed, 1st Baptist Church of Rock Island, Ill.

The Rev. E. C. Ray, of Synod of Illinois.

The Rev. Cornelius M. Steffens, of Synod of Iowa.

The Committee on Christian Education presented its report through its Chairman, Rev. W. S. P. Bryan, which was adopted as follows :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Your Committee would respectfully report that it was appointed last year under the new plan for the consolidation of the business of Synod, and the following definition of its duties was given:

"It shall take account of the religious condition of our youth in Universities, Colleges and Schools, public and private; the maintenance of the Church Schools, Colleges and Seminaries in the bounds of Synod; including the regular visitations of these by the committees of Synod; the aid of Colleges and Academies under the care of the General Assembly. To this committee also is entrusted the question of the best method of presenting to the young men of our Synod the question of a call to our ministry and of promoting sound theological education within our bounds."

By this action, the Synod consolidated into one its committees on Ministerial Education, Aid for Colleges and Academies, and Visitation to the various institutions within the bounds of the Synod. In addition to this, it so broadened its definition of Christian Education as for the first time to recognize officially its duty toward its youth in institutions other than those under Church control. The subject therefore as now defined by Synod includes the various phases of Christian education on which Synod has acted hitherto and those other phases which of recent years have been pressing with increasing force upon the consciences of Christian men. While the primary object of this consolidation was the economy of the time of Synod, the ultimate effect doubtless will be so to unify the subject, that action bearing upon one phase might be taken with due regard to the other phases involved, and that the influence and authority of Synod might herafter be so directed as to bring to bear upon the youth of our Church in process of education, and at every stage of that process, all that the Church can give of the wisdom of God and the power of God in elevating and transforming human lives and enabling the individual soul in acquiring the knowledge of the sciences, the arts and philosophy, to realize that "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."

This task fully accomplished by the Synod will enable her to follow her youth from the time they enter the primary school until they are fittted for their life-work, and this, whether their education take place in Church institutions or in others. Her duty to her youth differs largely according to the institutions at which these are gathered, but this does not alter the fact that she has a duty to them at whatever institution they may be. The difficulties involved in our present system of state education should only stimulate us to a more strenuous endeavor to supply what is lacking in that system. No aim lower than this will save to the Church the great mass of her youth now in process of education. The questions involved in our present methods of Church institutions are scarcely less serious than those which arise out of our relation to the youth in State institutions. And to these must be added the vital question of the future of the Christian ministry, the supply of men to preach the Gospel, as we understand it, to the people of our country, whether native or foreign born, and to the world at large, as represented in the Foreign Missionary field. From the standpoint of education, of course, training for the ministry is but one phase of the general subject, but, from the standpoint of the Church as an institution for proclaiming the Gospel, the future of our ministry looms up so large

as itself to constitute the basal question before the church today. In proof of this, it is necessary only to refer to recent reports of the committees of our church on Evangelistic Work and Vacancy and Supply.

Your committee is profoundly sensible of the immense range of the questions which confront it, of the great diversity of opinion on these questions and of the apparent conflict which exists between the different interests which are involved. The work is worthy of a commission rather than of a committee. Such a commission should be composed of men of the broadest intelligence as well as of the deepest devotion, freed from all other cares and duties for a prolonged period, and so thoroughly representative of the Church at large that their conclusions would command a hearty and general support. Your committee, however, is only a committee, appointed last year for the first time, composed of men, each occupied with his own particular duties, some familiar with one phase and some with another phase of this many-sided question, and none of whom have undertaken until now to view this question as a whole. No meeting of the committee has been possible till yesterday, and our report accordingly must be taken as preliminary to that larger and more effective presentation of the subject, which we trust the future will supply.

We present today only the following aspects of the general subject with our recommendations for action upon them.

1. The duty of the Synod to those of her youth in State institutions of learning presses each year with increasing force. The 971,841 children enrolled in public schools in 1902 have doubtless by this time become a round million. The number of students in high schools must by this time be not less than 45,000. It would not be difficult to figure out the proportion of these numbers which belong to us of the Presbyterian Church, and the time must come when, like other churches no more devoted than we are, we shall recognize our particular duty to our share of this million of youth. One phase, however, of this large question seems to call for immediate action, viz: our duty to the students at the State University at Champaign. The number of students this year at the University is 2600, of which it is estimated that 550 are Presbyterians, by membership or preference. The University is a State institution, and its course of instruction is necessarily that which is approved by the State as a whole. How then shall we discharge our duty to supply to our youth there the Christian complement which is needful to education in the highest sense of that word? As the institution belongs to the

State, so this question belongs to the Synod. As every taxpayer contributes to the support of the University, so every Presbyterian, indirectly at least,, is concerned with the Church's work among University students.

Our sister churches have already undertaken definite work. The Methodist Church has a chapel half a block from the University grounds, and is planning to erect a church to cost $30,000, $15,000 of which is given by the Methodist Conference. The body which calls itself the Christian Church has quite a handsome building just across the street from the University. The Episcopal Church rents every year a large rooming-house as quarters for students, and makes it a center for conferences, receptions, etc. Is it not time for the Presbyterian Church to consider her duty, and, despite the difficulties which seem to confront almost every plan, do something?

2. The question of the Synod's relation to her educational institutions will be presented separately at the conclusion of this report. The reports of the visitors to these institutions appointed at the last meeting are:

Lake Forest College. Dr. McCaughtry reports that the committee "was very favorably impressed with the members of the Faculty and their fitness for the work they had in hand. The students gave evidence of the thoroughness with which the work is being done, and the whole atmosphere of the place is suggestive of the scholarly influence that prevails in the school. The aim of the Faculty seems to be to cultivate a spirit of broad culture, thoroughness and accurateness in scholarship, and a high sense of honor in the students. Your committee, recognizing the ability, consecration and experience of President Harlan, wish to commend Lake Forest to the patronage of Presbyterians throughout this section of the country, to the large-hearted generosity of those who are interested in educational work and to the prayers of all our people."

McCormick Theological Seminary. Dr. Rogers reports "the impression was a growing one that in the various departments of instruction there were men capable of discovering and developing in the students that which was best along the many lines of theological inquiry and practical pastoral work. The animated discussion in the Alumni meeting of the demand for a more distinct and thorough course in the English Bible was an omen of still better things in the near future. The oral examinations indicated up-to-dateness and thoroughness on the part of both professors and pupils, uniting both the scholastic spirit of inquiry and the practical bent toward present-day problems."

Blackburn University. Rev. S. C. Black reports having found enrolled more than 100 students, 30 in college, 30 in the preparatory school, the others doing special work in art, music or elective studies. The faculty is of unusual ability, and signal devotion to their duties, and the general tone is one of health and progress. The college, however, has reached a crisis. Its interest bearing funds are something less than $25,000, yielding $1500; tuition and fees yield $1500 more. The gifts of the Synod average about $750.00, and those from other sources are a thousand dollars more. With the most biting economy the yearly expenses are $6,000, so that a deficit piles up annually which must be paid from the endowment fund. The college building is in need of repairs, which will cost at least $3,000. In view of the fact that in 1898 a contract was made with the Synod by which the college came under its control, there is a responsibility upon us which cannot be satisfied by resolutions of general commendation. We must either keep our contract and save the institution from decay, or else confess to our failure and release the college, that it may find a more efficient support than we have proved to be.

Illinois College at Jacksonville is Presbyterian, not by any relation with Synod or Presbytery, but by the fact that a majority of its Board of Trustees must be Presbyterians. It has a faculty of 27, and an enrollment of 212. The present Freshman class of 55 is the largest in the history of the College. The president reports that "the grade of work offered and the standard of scholarship attained has never been higher, while the moral tone may in part be measured by the fact that out of the graduating class of eight last year, the four men whose general average was the highest, are preparing to enter the ministry."

Union Academy, Anna. This academy has four instructors and twenty-seven students, the small number being due to the high standard maintained, involving the rejection of those who cannot comply with it. The instructors are popular and efficient, the students are of a fine class, and there is hearty enthusiasm and co-operation among the friends of the school. The institution is an evidence of that early Presbyterian spirit which built and maintained secondary schools of Christian character, and it counts upon the support of the Church in the work it is attempting to do, and in its plans for enlargement.

The Geneseo Collegiate Institute enrolls sixty students in the Academy, and as many more in the Conservatory, an increase over last year. The total enrollment of the year is about 100 in academy, 70 in summer normal and 80 in conservatory, a total

of 250. Probably three-fourths of the students would not be in school anywhere else if not there. The annual income is about $5000. The outlook is dependent upon the policy to be established by the College Board. If academies are dropped, the Institute will have to change the character of its work entirely, or cease operations.

3. The subject of Ministerial Education has engaged the attention of Synod for a number of years past, and the conviction has been borne in upon us that no question before the Church today is more complex. The reports which reach us indicate but little relief. With one exception the Presbyterial chairmen report no increase of interest, but rather the reverse. The whole subject requires the revived attention of the Church, while there is no sign that such a revival is at hand. The number of our candidates indicates a steady decline from the year 1895 to the present time, a decline from 115 to 38, a shrinkage of more than two-thirds. We have in our Synod but one candidate to every thirteen ministers, while ten years ago we had one candidate for every four ministers. Unless we are hopelessly apathetic, such figures as this will startle us with concern for the future. In the Church at large, our theological seminaries had in 1896 921 students, which number has decreased this year to 622, a smaller number than any year since 1886. The graduates from our seminaries in 1896 were two hundred and eighty-seven, this year 153, the smallest number again since 1886. In 1896 we had fifteen hundred and eight candidates, this year 870, which is encouraging as showing a gain over last year, but which, nevertheless, awakens profound alarm for our future supply. Meanwhile, our ministry is recruited by accessions from our sister churches, our missionary fields, both at home and abroad, are crying in vain for men, and only the desirable churches in the centers of our country see any danger of an over supply of ministers. Does the Master's call to preach His Gospel fall on deaf ears? Do our young men shrink from carrying His cross, and through much tribulation entering His Kingdom? Or have the hearts of us, already in the ministry, become sick and weary, so that we but faintly sound His call in the ears of our young men, and but feebly meet the objections which they raise?

In one direction, however, the Church seems to be giving fresh attention to this subject. The claims of the various foreign populations for ministers of their own race have been recognized by our General Assembly, and a plan is on foot to provide for the education of such men at Dubuque, Iowa, and Bloomfield, New Jersey.

The following resolutions therefore are respectfully submitted :

Resolutions. 1. That a committee of five be appointed to co-operate with the committee on Christian Education, touching religious work at the State University, and, if the way be clear, to visit the University and the churches at Champaign and Urbana, with a view of determining what definite provision Synod ought to make on behalf of the Presbyterian students there assembled. This committee is authorized to make such temporary arrangements as may be wise, and is directed to report to Synod on the whole question next year.

2. Whereas, the Synod of 1898 recommended Blackburn College to the churches of the Synod as worthy of their liberal assistance, financially, and urged upon them a hearty effort to aid the college in both its current need and its effort to secure an adequate endowment, and authorized and encouraged the Board of Trustees to present its claims to the churches of the Synod; and

Whereas, the Rev. Mr. Lingle has been appointed financial agent by the Board of Trustees; therefore,

Resolved, That the Synod endorse the application of the Trustees of Blackburn College to the College Board of the Presbyterian Church for permission to solicit College Board offerings from churches in the Presbyteries of Alton, Bloomington, Mattoon, Peoria, Schuyler and Springfield.

2. That the Committee to visit Blackburn College be authorized to advise with the Board of Trustees in reference to the affairs of that institution, that they be empowered to approve the selection of new members of the Board of Trustees, and that they be instructed to present to the next meeting of Synod a definite recommendation as to whether the agreement of 1898 between the Synod and the Board of Trustees, shall be continued longer.

3. That Synod calls upon her ministry to meet with courage the prevailing indifference among our people to the claims of the ministry, to present the divine call to our young men, and to summon them to that holy service, undaunted by its difficulties, and in the full faith of God's seal upon His own appointed means.

4. That Synod expresses its approval of the plan for educating at Bloomfield and Dubuque approved men from the various foreign populations called to the Christian ministry, to

work among their own people, and calls upon our churches to increase their offerings to the Board, in order that this special work may be carried on.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. S. P. BRYAN, Chairman.

The following resolution was adopted and referred to the Committee on Christian Education :

"In order to rouse the churches to the crying need of the church for young men for the gospel ministry, Synod establish a field day, throughout its bounds, for Christian Education, at which time the pastors of the churches shall preach on this subject, consider it at midweek meeting and meetings of young people's societies, distributing literature and doing everything possible to bring this vital matter to the hearts and consciences of our people, and that this field day be at the commencement season in June."

The Educational Commission presented report through its chairman, Rev. W. S. Marquis, which was received, and Rev. E. C. Ray addressed the Synod, after which the report was adopted as amended, as follows :

REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL COMMISSION.

The Special Committee on Educational Institutions, created one year ago, regrets to report that it has made but very little progress in the work that was entrusted to it. Not because it has been idle, but because its plans and labors were brought to a sudden halt by a prospective change in the educational policy of the Presbyterian Church. Immediately after appointment the members of the Committee present at Synod were called together, an organization effected, and the date set for another meeting in Chicago. This meeting was held November 30, 1903, in the Auditorium Hotel. It was well attended, not only by members of

the committee, but the presidents and principals of our educational institutions, and the Secretary of the Board of Colleges and Academies, Dr. E. C. Ray, were there. A plan of work was adopted, the name "Educational Commission" chosen, vacancies filled, committees appointed and a date for another meeting when these committees should report was set. According to that appointment, the Commission met the second time in the Westminister Church, Jacksonville, on February 2, 1904. The day was given the consideration of an address, prepared by the Executive Committee, to be sent forth to the churches, to inaugurate the work; and to plans presented by the Financial Committee for raising the fund of $1,200,000 for the better endowment of our educational institutions. The day closed with a reception given to the members of the Commission by President Barnes of Illinois College. Both of these meetings were harmonious and enthusiastic.

The plans adopted in these meetings embraced the following features:

First—The issuing of a handsome, illustrated booklet, introducing our five educational institutions, Lake Forest College, Blackburn University, Illinois College, Geneseo Collegiate Institute and Union Academy, to the Presbyterians of Illinois. This booklet was fully prepared and ready for the press. It sets forth the location, advantages, scope of work and needs of each institution. We designated it to be a splendid advertisement for the institution, as well as an introduction of our plans for them. We purposed to print and distribute about 50,000 of them.

Second—A financial scheme for raising $1,200,000. It contemplated the securing of $500,000 by the placing of 50,000 shares of $10 each, among the smaller givers; the remaining $700,000 to be obtained in larger gifts, payable in from one to three years. It was our distinct purpose in this effort to reach as many individuals as possible, believing in this way we would not only be more certain to secure the amount desired, but also promote the interests of our institutions by giving Presbyterians a better acquaintance with them and a personal interest in them.

Third—A Presbyterial Committee of Cooperation, through whose assistance this canvass for funds, from church to church, and family to family, should be made. We have secured the appointment of these committees in a number of Presbyteries.

Now these plans were so far under way that the bids had

been secured for publishing the booklet, and $269.53 of the necessary expense fund raised. Then came the news of the reorganization, by the General Assembly, of the Board of Aid for Colleges and Academies, as the College Board. A very significant change of title. Inquiry developed the fact that whereas the old Board had distinctly set for itself the task of fostering academies as well as colleges, the new movement contemplated the dropping of the academies and the concentrating the effort of the church at large, upon the thorough equipment and endowment of our colleges. We found that some who were in favor of this movement distinctly took the ground that "the day of the Christian Academy was past." "That while they might here and there, when fully equipped by individual or local enthusiasm, do a great work, that it was a mistaken and hopeless policy for the church at large to found and foster academies. The rapidly developing secondary Public Schools have made them wholly unnecessary."

It must be apparent to all that your Commission was not warranted in going forward with its plans embracing acadamies, in the face of such a movement, seemingly sanctioned by the General Assembly in its method of reorganizing the Board of Aid for Colleges and Academies. This Synod certainly does not want to inaugurate and press plans which are diametrically opposed to the policy of the church at large, without due deliberation. Your Commission would have no right to commit the Synod to any such position. Furthermore, it would be practically impossible for us to carry out our plans, embracing academies, in the face of this action of the Assembly, without the most cordial cooperation and explicit instructions from Synod.

The wheels of our machinery were, therefore, stopped in June, and we have done nothing since but run the wheels in our heads in the effort to solve the very serious problem which confronts us, which is this: What shall the Synod of Illinois do with her academies and her old-time policy of fostering academies?

This question confronts not only this Synod, but the church at large—the whole Protestant church. It embraces more than the destiny of academies. It really embraces the whole subject of the relation of the Christian church to education. What is the function of the Church in education? Does it go beyond religious instruction? If so, does it embrace primary and secondary education as well as higher education? If we yield primary and secondary education to the state, can we expect to retain much influence in the realm of higher education? These are the real questions which we have to face. They concern the welfare

of both church and state. We have every reason to give them most thorough and conscientious investigation.

In view of this fact your Committee has the following recommendations to make:

I.—That Synod take no further action in the direction of endowing academies until the policy of the College Board has been fully outlined and presented. And that in view of this action on our part, we urge upon the Board the justice of continuing the full amount of assistance heretofore paid to Geneseo Institute and Union Academy.

II.—That we send down our Presbyteries the following overture:

Whereas, Our church is reorganizing its educational policy, and the wisdom of establishing and supporting christian academies has been raised, and becomes an acute question because of the existence of academies within our bounds, looking to the church for aid,

Therefore, the Synod of Illinois overtures the Presbyteries within its bounds to thoroughly discuss and return answer at the next meeting of Synod, the following "Possible Plans of Procedure."

1st Plan. To abandon the old-time policy of our church in establishing christian academies, and concentrate our strength upon our colleges, universities and schools of higher education.

2nd Plan. To set ourselves to thoroughly endow and perpetuate the academies we have, along with the secondary schools connected with our institutions of higher education, but make it our policy not to establish others.

3rd Plan. To boldly launch out into the policy of establishing a small number of well located, finely equipped, well endowed academies, as feeders of our colleges and academies, conservators of Christianity, and a bulwark of the church.

Furthermore, since systematic religious instruction cannot be, under our constitution, imparted in the Public Schools; and we have not sufficient private schools for imparting it to our youth, and the duty of the Home and the Church become, therefore, all the more imperative; we recommend

III.—That this Synod take some steps to revive and more carefully guide religious instructions in the home, and to provide more systematic, progressive training in Christian knowledge and

duty for our young people, and "That the whole question of the method of religious instruction of our youth be referred to the Educational Commission, with instruction to report a plan to the next meeting of Synod."

The time was extended ten minutes.

President Thomson of Geneseo Academy, presented report of his institution and the Committee on Christian Education was granted permission to incorporate this as a part of their report.

Recess was taken until 1:45 p. m.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 1:45 O'CLOCK.

Meeting was called to order by the Moderator, who led in prayer.

Synod adopted the recommendations of the Committee on Bills and Overtures through its chairman, Rev. Edgar L. Williams, as follows :

1. That the Memorial which appears below be signed by the Moderator and Stated Clerk, and forwarded to the next Congress.

2. That each member of this Synod use his influence in behalf of this movement.

MEMORIAL TO CONGRESS.

Whereas, For more than half a century the United States Government and the several tribal governments of the Indians occupying Indian Territory have seen the wisdom and necessity of prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors within said Territory; and

Whereas, In the agreements recently entered into between the said Five Civilized Tribes and the Federal Government looking toward the allotment of lands in severalty, one of the conditions upon which the said Indians consented to the extinguishment of their tribal relations, and to the admission of the white man to equal privileges of citizenship, was expressly stipulated as follows, namely: "The United States agrees to maintain strict laws in the territory of said nation against the introduction, sale, bar-

ter, or giving away of liquors and intoxicants of any kind or quality," (this being the language used in the treaty with the Creek Nation, the treaties with the other four tribes containing words to the same effect); and

Whereas, Such agreements, containing such stipulation, were not only duly signed by the Dawes Commission representing the United States, but were subsequently approved by Act of Congress; and

Whereas, The statehood bill commonly known as the Hamilton Bill, now pending before the Senate of the United States after passing the House of Representatives, makes no provision for the fulfillment of this sacred pledge;

Therefore, Be it resolved, By the .... assembled at .... this ..... day of ....., 1904, that we do hereby respectfully invite the attention of the honorable Senate of the United States to the omission from the said Hamilton Bill of any provision fulfilling the said pledge of the Federal Government, and beg to represent that such omission, if not cured, would seem to constitute an act of bad faith on the part of our Government toward a helpless people; and we do hereby most earnestly memoralize the Congress of the United States to include, in whatever form of State government may be given to Indian Territory, (among the several other requirements already stipulated in said Hamilton Bill and which may be approved by Congress as conditions precedent to statehood), the incorporation of an effective provision in the constition of the new State against the sale of intoxicating liquors within the borders of what is now known as Indian Territory, according to the terms and meaning of the sacred pledges of the Federal Government to the said Five Civilized Tribes.

....., President.

....., Secretary.

Rev. Wm. H. Penhallegan of the Presbytery of Springfield, gave notice of a proposed amendment to the standing rules on the basis of representation in Synod. The time for the consideration of the next place of meeting was changed to Thursday at 11:30 a. m.

The Vice Moderator was called to the chair.

The Conference on Foreign Missions was opened with a devotional hour led by Rev. W. S. Marquis, chairman of the committee.

The report of the Women's Societies was presented by Mrs. S. O. Loughridge, and the report of the Young People's Societies by Miss Fanny Cleland.

The Stated Clerk was instructed to print the reports of the following societies in the appendix to the minutes :

The Women's Synodical Society for Home Missions.

The Women's Synodical Society for Freedmen, together with their financial reports.

The Women's Synodical Society of Foreign Missions.

The Young People's Societies.

REPORT OF THE FOREIGN MISSIONS COMMITTEE.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions, presented by Rev. George C. Lenington, was received and Mr. David McConaughy, Secretary of the Forward movement, and the Rev. Chas. M. Spining of Talca, Chile, addressed the Synod, after which the report with its recommendations was adopted as follows :

Your Committee takes pleasure in reporting a year of steady work for this cause in our Synod. The printed statistical report in your hands will show more clearly than any words of ours just what has been accomplished along financial lines. With joy we record that eight out of the eleven Presbyteries have increased their offerings this year over last. Especially noteworthy are the gains of Chicago and Schuyler Presbyteries—$6,354 for the first and $1,105 for the second. The gain for the entire Synod amounts to $8,501 over the gifts for 1903, and a still greater gain of $10,200 over the offerings of 1902. In spite of the large increase in membership of the churches, the gain of the year per member is 9 cents, the offering being 91 cents per member, while it was only 82 cents last year. In this we have reason to heartily thank the Great Lord of the Harvest. For in large measure it is an advance all along the line. Two items of concern must be pointed out in the midst of our rejoicing. Were it not for the truly remarkable increase in the gifts of the Women's Societies,

chiefly in the Presbytery of Chicago, there would be an actual decrease. The Sunday Schools of the Synod did better than last year. But the congregational offerings and the gifts from the Young People's Societies show serious decline. As a partial explanation of this loss we point to the sixty-three churches which report no offering of any kind to the work of carrying out the command to which we listen this afternoon. Eleven more churches in which no attention is paid to this, the Church's greatest task. Nearly an entire seventh of the churches in the Synod of Illinois are in this list. At the meeting of the General Assembly last Spring the Foreign Missions report urged that our beloved Church at once take a very decided step forward in the matter of giving to this part of the Lord's work. Dr. McAfee read "The Committee recommends that the Assembly set the mark now at $1,500,000, as the lowest amount that will be fair for the Church to give, and that the Church be called to reach it immediately." In proportion to the amount now given by this Synod to the $1,070,000 given last year, our new mark to reach would be $95,000. In view of the unprecedented calls for reinforcements from the field, and the truly appalling opportunities which God in His Providence is laying at the feet of the Presbyterian Church, shall we not now resolve that so far as our power goes, this new mark of our obedience to the Master's wish shall be attained in Illinois? That it is too much for our Church in this State to give cannot be even thought of. The congregational expenditures last year in this Synod were within a few thousand dollars of the entire amount given by the whole Church for Foreign Missions. Nor is it to be granted that such an increase in the Foreign Missionary contributions would imperil any of the other objects to which we are now devoting our energies. The ministers of the Disruption in Scotland were 470—the number of churches in this Synod is 467. They were without a building for worship or residence in all the country, and had not a penny for sustenance. We have vast resources already in hand. But during the first year of their work, when every motive of policy and wisdom demanded that the home interests be looked after first, they gave to their Missionary benevolences $160,000. The God whom they so honored saw to it that they had more than they had even dared to hope for in supplying the home need. Let us have faith in God, and not only meet the urging of our Assembly, but go beyond it, and give $100,000 this year for the task of our Church in the world field. Even if we reach this measure of giving, is there one here who will say to the Savior, "We have fully obeyed Thy Command?"

The principal enterprises undertaken by your Committee to promote the cause of Foreign Missions in Illinois have been two.

First. The sending of the "Appeal for Recruits" to be read in the Churches, Young People's Societies, Sunday Schools, etc. The plan proposed by the Synod was that a recruit should be sent out by each of the eleven Presbyteries, and that the Presbyteries should pledge themselves to give the financial support for the recruits. We know not how many, if any, have been moved by it to consider the consecration of self to the effort of making Christ known in all lands. But we do know that we have set before the youth of the Church the need and the opportunity laid before them of God. The need is even greater this year than last. Some of the fields which asked for reinforcements last year have received none at all. The reasons for the request last year to have new workers sent are made more urgent still now by the changed conditions in Eastern Asia through the War, and more widespread seeking of the true God in almost every land where our Church is at work. During the month of August alone in Brazil—a field where growth has been very slow from the beginning of labor there—102 professed their faith in Christ, while the record for July was 165. The Spirit of God is working marvellously in the Mission fields. Shall not we who are constantly praying for the outpouring of that Spirit work with Him when He does come? Let this appeal for recruits be sounded again and again through the Churches of Illinois, till it shall find its way into the hearts and homes of all who look for His appearing.

Second. The conducting of two Forward Movement Campaigns, under the leadership of Mr. David McConaughy, the Secretary of that Movement. The first tour was in February, touching the four towns of Freeport, Peoria, Springfield and Elmira. It was very brief and could not enlist the Churches as was desired. Mr. McConaughy and Rev. Albert G. McGaw, of India, presented the aims and methods of the Forward Movement in the conferences so far as they had time. The most striking results to be recorded came from Peoria and Freeport, where the Churches caught at the opportunity to do their Foreign Missionary work in a more systematic way eagerly. Large annual subscriptions for special work were made, and the sessions organized in the manner proposed by the Forward Movement. In all of the towns reached by this campaign there were encouraging tokens of the endorsement of this plan by the people. The second campaign is now closing with this meeting of Synod, and a report of its effect will be given by statements from representatives of sev-

eral of the churches visited a little later. Rev. Chas. M. Spining, of Chili, and Dr. W. J. Wanless, of India, have assisted the Secretary through this last tour. Their itinerary has led them among the churches of Bloomington, Peoria, Rock River and Schuyler Presbyteries.

We recommend

First. That the Synod shall allow for the expenses of this Committee during the following year the sum of $25.00.

Second. That the Synod shall recommend to each Presbytery to make provision for the expenses of its Foreign Missions Committee.

Third. That the Synod heartily commend the Forward Movement plan which aims to establish a "living link" between every church—with every one of its members—and some specific person or work on the field, as a wise and practical method for arousing and maintaining interest in Foreign Missions. We also urge that in the adoption of this plan, great care be taken by pastors not to interfere with the work already being done by the Women's Societies.

STATISTICS OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.

YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1904.

PRESBYTERY.	Number of Churches.	No Offerings Reported.	Number Church Members.	AMOUNT CONTRIBUTED TO THE BOARD BY								Amount Reported in Assembly Minutes.		
				Churches.	Sunday Schools.	Y. P. Societies.	Women's Societies.	Total.	Gain.	Loss.	Average Per Member.		Gain.	Loss.
Alton	49	10	4,988	$ 850	$ 221	$ 130	$ 491	$ 1,692	$ 97	$....	$ .34	$1 870	$ 312	$.....
Bloomington	54	9	7,983	2,635	174	954	3,417	7,180	740	.....	.90	6,129	.....	2,748
Cairo	41	13	3,948	616	63	109	382	1,221	.....	42	.31	1,144	.....	148
Chicago	90	3	24 524	12,355	1,565	1,396	21,961	37,277	6,354	.....	1.52	35,449	2,458	....
Freeport	30	2	4,878	1,350	141	310	1,204	3,005	73	.....	.61	3,461	450	.....
Mattoon	34	3	4 424	638	38	172	1,100	1,948	.....	625	.44	1,914	.....	660
Ottawa	23	5	3 081	280	66	148	704	1,198	9	.....	.39	1,217	136	.....
Peoria	37	7	5.749	1,716	217	214	1,883	4,030	322	.....	.70	4,127	529	.....
Rock River	35	3	4,717	1,644	108	461	965	3,178	.....	58	.67	3,592	.....	77
Schuyler	41	3	5,445	1,422	262	650	1,600	3,934	1,105	.....	.72	4,001	1,117	.....
Springfield	33	5	5,847	1,432	180	196	2,391	4,199	526	.....	.72	4,590	21	.....
Total 1904	467	63	75.584	24,938	3,035	4,791	36,098	68,862	9.226	725	.91	67,494	5,023	3,633
Total 1903	471	42	73.633	25,557	2,830	5.569	26,405	60,361	.....	.....	.82	66 104	.....	.....
Gain	....	....	1,951	.....	205	.....	9,693	8,501	.....	.....	.09	1,390	.....	....
Loss	4	11	.....	619	.....	778	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following committee to nominate the Standing Committees of Synod—Ministers : George J. E. Richards, W. H. Bradley, R. B. McCain, W. E. Donaldson and Elder Robert Wallace.

The Committee on the Spiritual Life of the Church presented report through its chairman, the Rev. F. M. Carson, which was adopted after a devotional hour as follows :

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION IN THE SYNOD OF ILLINOIS. PRESENTED AT ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS, OCTOBER 19, 1904.

By Rev. Frank M. Carson, of Chicago.

One of the most searching questions that haunts the earnest soul when his life among men is ebbing away, is the question, "What have I done?" The plea, the final plea of Phillips Brooks to the students at Harvard was that they should do something. We take a little time in the routine of the Synod to ask ourselves, as a Church of Jesus Christ, what we have done in the past year. While we are accustomed to think of some coming time when sentence shall be passed upon us according to our works, we also recognize the truth that "every day is a day of judgment, and every year brings its reckoning."

After the manner of Presbyterial oversight, facts and figures have been gathered from the local churches, and these in turn have been summarized in the Presbyterial narratives submitted to us, out of which we would learn the religious conditions prevailing in our Synod. The supply of straw for these bricks has been somewhat meagre, for out of eleven Presbyteries in the State, reports have been received from but seven, and one of these was so monosyllabic as to be of no value. Yet straws tell which way the wind blows. The Chicagoan says that everyone ought to be pleased with the climate of his city, for he has all kinds in a day. The winds that whistle or sigh through these Presbyterial narratives blow warm or cold, or die down to a dead calm.

Taking up the review of the Synodical year in the order arranged for each Presbytery, we note that our congregations have generally been supplied with preaching services; but when it comes to the question of attendance, there is something to be

said. The narrative of Schuyler Presbytery states that not more than 50 per cent of the actual members attend the services, and adds that there is no marked difference in attendance between the morning and evening worship. At the same time, we are glad to note that the spirit of revival is spoken of in this Presbytery as widespread, the work at Carthage having been conspicuous for its extent and power.

From Alton Presbytery we learn that six churches report a larger attendance at services than the number of members on the church rolls. In this Presbytery, too, most of the churches report a good attendance on the part of the children and young people, in spite of the fact that no special means are employed to attract them.

Sabbath Schools, of course, are a part of the organized life of the church, and unsatisfactory as they often are, we may, nevertheless, thank God for them in a day when the average child is learning little or nothing in the average home and the average school concerning the truths of the Bible. The ignorance of the Bible on the part of full grown boys and girls has been commented upon by the teachers of English Literature in our Public Schools and in our Colleges, too. Pastors who are in touch with the conditions in their own Bible Schools are often appalled by this lack of familiarity with even the simplest fundamentals of the Holy Scriptures. When the outlines of Biblical history are clear in any young mind, it is largely due to instruction at home. Is it not time that a mighty appeal was made for more faithfulness on the part of Christian parents to their religious duties in the home? The Narrative of the State of Religion in the Presbytery of Cairo makes this comment: "The place where the religious life of our people is breaking down is in the home, as manifested in the neglect of such duties as family worship, infant baptism, and the home training of children." It is from the Sabbath School, however, that a large percentage of the accessions comes to the numbers uniting with our churches on confession of faith. The Presbytery of Springfield reports that out of 211 persons received into membership of the churches there, 151 came from the ranks of the Sunday School pupils.

Passing on to the relation of the Prayer-meeting to the life of the church, we must admit that the impression one receives from the various narratives is not especially favorable. From the Presbytery of Ottawa comes the confession that "the prayer-meeting is the one thing which the narrative shows to be alarmingly weak." The narrator for Schuyler Presbytery tells us that the average attendance at prayer-meeting is but 15 per cent. of

the membership. Alton Presbytery reports that "the attendance is only fairly encouraging." In connection with these conditions it is remarked by one compiler that there is "a sad neglect of family worship." Is the decadence of the Christian home accounting for some of our disappointments and sorrows in the church life of today? The mother of Phillips Brooks dedicated her six sons to the Gospel Ministry, and four of them were ordained. So was it with the mother of Newman Hall and of Chas. A. Berry, whose mother told him that before he was born she prayed God to give her a son who should be a Christian minister. A prayerless home can never build up a prayerful church. God bless the praying mothers of our land, but give us more of them."

Under the head of Societies in the Churches we are familiar with the division into Societies of Men, Societies of Women and Young People's Societies. The first named seems to be growing in numbers in certain quarters. Schuyler Presbytery tells us that "there has been remarkable growth in the number of Men's Societies." Their objects vary from mere local support to the higher calling of prayer and service. Chicago reports thirty-six Men's Societies, and names among the objects of their organization "Bible Study, personal work, the Sabbath evening service, civics and athletics." The whole state may well congratulate Chicago Presbytery upon the work done there through her Young Men's Presbyterian Union, which has accomplished much in the development of Christian manhood and the promotion of a wholesome, well-rounded type of Christian character among her younger men. Let us lay increased stress upon the part to be fulfilled in the work of our churches by consecrated, earnest laymen. Every pastor thanks God for each man in his parish whose Christianity is synonymous with hearty service and ready co-operation in all good work.

When we come to speak of the women, we thank God and take courage. Listen to what the Presbytery of Schuyler has to say about them: "In the personal affairs of the Church the women exert a wonderful influence, while in Missionary interests they bear almost the entire burden." What branch of our church work could afford to cut off the sympathy, the fidelity, the hearty assistance—yes, and let us add, the prayers of the noble army of the Lord's handmaidens, whose delight is in the hastening of the coming of the Kingdom at home and abroad.

As to Young People's Societies, where both sexes are engaged in the work, one or two notes may be jotted down from different Presbyterial Reports. Out of twenty-eight churches in the Presbytery of Cairo, twenty-one are recorded as having C. E.

Societies. Schuyler Presbytery sends us the word, "The number of organizations among the young people indicates a healthy interest, and speaks well for the future of the church. The vast majority of these are Christian Endeavorers."

Turning to the benevolences of the Churches, which are often a sign of inward conditions, the Presbyterial narrative from Cairo indicates that "all the Women's Missionary Societies, and nearly all the Young People's Societies, give to Home and Foreign Missions and to the Board of Freedmen, and to those only." From Springfield Presbytery we get the word that "fourteen out of twenty churches reporting give an opportunity for contributing to all the Boards of the Church." Schuyler Presbytery tells us that "twenty-eight churches report an opportunity given to contribute to every Board of the Church, and in every case where opportunity is given there is a response." From the same quarter we learn that "the Boards of Home Missions and Freedmen are the recipients of the gifts from Women's Societies, while the Endeavor Societies confine their gifts almost wholly to Home and Foreign Missions." In Alton Presbytery three churches are quoted as supporting four Mission Stations.

The question touching unusual religious interest through the Synod brings out the statement that aside from the Presbytery of Chicago, where the Assembly's Evangelical Committee actively sustained protracted services for three months, with encouraging results, we have not heard of many churches which chronicle a red-letter year in the line of any great awakening. In the Presbytery of Cairo, the church at Olney is the only one reporting a marked interest. Of the four churches in this Presbytery reporting the largest additions on confession of faith during the year, only one speaks of having had special services.

Of the thirty-two churches in the Springfield Presbytery, twenty were heard from, and of these six recorded special interest.

Would you know the difficulties recognized by the men on the firing-lines? Here they are. The Presbytery of Cairo speaks for us all: "The Saloon," "prosperity," "indifference," "amusements"—among which let us write large in some quarters, the **eternal card parties**— "removals," "too many churches," "the same old devil." What are we to do in the face of these things? We are to approach the defiant giant of Goth in the name of the Lord of Hosts! If God be for us, who can be against us?

These are not new hindrances in the way of the Church of the Living God. Any century that precedes the twentieth can match us in most of these difficulties, and excel us in not a few

of them. The God of this age has ever striven to blind the minds of them that believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. Ours is not a meditative age. It is a restless, hurrying, money-getting day on which we have fallen. What are the catchwords and phrases? "Strenuous;" "hustle;" "get there;" "do it now." Yes, but let us put them into our service of the Master, and not alone into the stride and passion of the street and the market-place. Then there are other words carrying subtle import: "graft," "boodle," "how much is there in it?" Revelations of corruption in high places are being made to the American public in current magazines. The atmosphere is laden with the germs of spiritual malaria. It is a day of many "cults and isms." The hearts that are restless for God—and there are very many such—find themselves in a maze of the new claims of new teachers and leaders, offering strange doctrines. Satan clothes himself as an angel of light, and tramples on the blood of the Son of God, seeking to make of no effect the old story of the Cross wherever men and women will listen to his interpretation of Holy Writ.

Would we make the new year ring with the step of a solid army moving forward, conquering and to conquer? Then must we all, ministers and elders, return to our churches and pursue our work with the mighty persuasion of the Apostle who turned the world upside down, and say with him "For me to live is Christ." We must know, with that heroic leader of the early church "the unsearchable riches of Christ." With Him must we contihue constant in prayer and fulfil his longing that Christians should be living epistles, read and known of all men." No more half-hearted Christianity! No more serving of two or three masters! One thing must we do, beloved brethern, forgetting the things that are behind, we must press forward.

Your Committee recommends that the Evangelistic Committees of the Presbyteries be instructed to report to the chairman of Synod's Committee on the Spiritual Work of the Church regarding the things done through them, these reports to reach our Committee two weeks prior to the meeting of Synod, and that any inquiries for the aid of special evangelists be addressed also to the chairman of our Committee.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FRANK M. CARSON, Chairman.

The time was extended 5 minutes, and President R. D. Harlan, of Lake Forest College, addressed the Synod on the work of this institution. Synod confirmed the election of the following as trustees of Lake Forest College and Schools :

CHARLES DYER NORTON, of Chicago.
ALFRED L. BAKER, of Lake Forest.
A. B. DICK, of Lake Forest.
REV. J. BEVERADGE LEE, of Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, Milwaukee.
HOWARD MORRIS, of Milwaukee.
EDGAR T. TAPPING, of Milwaukee.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was then administered in accordance with arrangements already made.

The minutes of today's sessions were read and approved, after which Synod took recess until 7:30 p. m., closing with prayer.

Wednesday Evening, 7:30 o'clock.

Synod was opened with devotional exercises led by the Rev. W. D. Smith.

W. A. Wanless, M. D., missionary in India, and Mr. David McConaughy, Secretary of the Forward movement, and Rev. B. E. S. Ely, Jr., addressed the Synod.

Rev. E. L. Williams, ex-Moderator, adjourned Synod until 8:30 tomorrow morning, and the session was closed with prayer and the apostolic benediction.

Thursday Morning, 8:30 o'clock.

Synod met at 8:30 o'clock, and after a devotional hour led by the Moderator, was convened with prayer.

The Finance Committee presented a report through its chairman, Elder T. G. McCulloh, which was received and adopted, as follows :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We have examined the report of the Treasurer, and find proper vouchers for all disbursements, the cash balance brought forward agrees with the report of last year, and the amount received from the Presbyteries is equal to 2 1-8 cents per member reported in the last annual report. The cash balance remaining is $1297.67, which is properly accounted for, and we recommend the approval of the report.

We recommend that the assessment for the following year be one cent per member for the contingent fund, and one cent per member for the mileage fund, being a total of two cents per member. Respectfully submitted,

T. G. McCULLOH,
FRANK G. YOUNG,
W. P. WILLIAMS.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer presents the following report on the Contingent Fund of the Synod from October, 1903, to October, 1904;

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$ 282 85
Interest on deposit	10 52
Women's H. M. Society on programs	1 00
Women's F. M. Society on programs	1 00
Treasurers of Presbyteries	
Alton	48 77
Bloomington	79 69
Cairo	37 64
Chicago	235 22
Freeport	48 90
Mattoon	43 82
Ottawa	30 13
Peoria	57 05
Rock River	46 16
Schuyler	51 25
Springfield	57 70
Total Received	$1031 70

DISBURSEMENTS.

Committee on Educational Institutions	$ 34 00
Committee on Pastorates and Vacancies	2 50
Advance Reports	17 50
800 Programs	8 00
1000 Large Envelopes	8 00
Printing Same	1 50
Printing 1100 Minutes	155 00
Reports on Educational Institutions	1 00
Reports on Home Missions	5 00
Postage on 950 Minutes	37 96
Binding four volumes Records of Synod	3 20
Telegram	95
Express	2 85
Drayage	80
Janitor	5 00
Salary Permanent Clerk	75 00
Salary Stated Clerk	250 00
Postage and Stationery	8 51
Balance in Treasury	414 93
Total	$1031 70

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. J. E. RICHARDS, Treasurer.

MILEAGE REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1903-1904.

The Treasurer presents the following mileage report for 1903–1904 :

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year		$780 63
Women's Certificates		11 75
Received from Presbyteries		
Alton	$ 54 87	
Bloomington	89 65	
Cairo	42 34	
Chicago	264 62	
Freeport	55 01	
Mattoon	49 30	

Ottawa	33 90	
Peoria	64 18	
Rock River	51 93	
Schuyler	57 66	
Springfield	64 91	
Total from Presbyteries		828 37
Total Received		$1620 75

DISBURSEMENTS.

Alton Presbytery, 12 delegates	$ 36 00
Bloomington Presbytery, 13 delegates	43 89
Cairo Presbytery, 10 delegates	54 36
Chicago Presbytery, 40 delegates	221 05
Freeport Presbytery, 12 delegates	94 34
Mattoon Presbytery, 10 delegates	28 32
Ottawa Presbytery, 9 delegates	55 11
Peoria Presbytery, 10 delegates	29 66
Rock River Presbytery, 12 delegates	64 08
Schuyler Presbytery, 11 delegates	41 81
Springfield Presbytery, 6 delegates	9 57
Five Chairmen of Committees	28 57
R. R. Joint Agent	31 25
Balance in Treasury	882 74
Total	$1620 75

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. J. E. RICHARDS, Treasurer.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNING BOARD.

The Committee on a State Governing Board for the Anti-Saloon League presented report through its chairman, Rev. T. D. Logan, which was adopted as follows:

The Committee on a State Governing Board for the Anti-Saloon League respectfully report that two of their number attended a meeting of representatives of several religious bodies held in Springfield, April 21, 1904, at which a plan was adopted to make the control of that organization more directly representative of the Churches contributing to its support. In order

to bring the Synod of Illinois of the resbyterian Church into closer relation with this work, we recommend the adoption of the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas, In 1903 the majority of the leading denominational bodies of the state appointed representatives to meet similar representatives from the other bodies, to devise a plan for the purpose of making the State Governing Board of the Anti-Saloon League officially representative of the church; and

The parties so appointed met at Springfield, April 21, 1904, and agreed to recommend to the bodies represented and to all others desiring to cooperate against the saloon, favorable action upon and the adoption of the following:

"Resolved, That we recommend to the churches of Illinois that the Anti-Saloon League of Illinois be recognized as the official representative of the federated churches of the state in the promotion of temperance work and legislation; be it also

Resolved, That we recommend that the Anti-Saloon League as now constituted change its constitution in such manner as to provide for control by a Board of Directors which shall be composed of the following persons:

First.—Fifteen standing or permanent members, elected by the Board of Directors at the next annual meeting, five to be elected for one year, five for two years and five for three years, and five to be elected by the existing Board of Directors at each annual meeting thereafter, who shall serve three years and until their successors are elected.

Second.—From the highest body of each church recognizing the League as above, one member for each twenty-five thousand of membership or major fraction thereof, to be elected by said body in its annual meeting to represent it in cooperative temperance work, and that we recommend in bodies having more than one member, the representation be divided as equally as possible between ministers and laymen."

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Synod of Illinois of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., that we concur in this action and that the moderator be instructed to report every year the names of three persons in accordance with the recommendations herein, to represent this Synod in the control of church temperance work.

Respectfully Submitted,

THOMAS D. LOGAN, Chairman.

The Moderator appointed the following members of the State Governing Board of the Anti-Saloon League:

Rev. John H. Boyd, Chicago Presbytery.

Rev. Edwin H. Clingan, Schuyler Presbytery.

Elder Samuel T. Brush, Cairo Presbytery.

The Rev. Henry T. McClelland, of the Synod of Pennsylvania, was invited to sit as a corresponding member and address the Synod on the work of the Freedmen's Board.

The Vice Moderator was called to the chair.

The hour for the consideration of the general subject of Home Missions having arrived, Mrs. Mary E. Holmes presented report of work among the Freedmen.

In the absence of the Treasurer of the Home Missions Committee, the report was presented by the Rev. T. D. Logan, as follows;

REPORT OF SYNOD'S TREASURER OF HOME MISSIONS.

The Treasurer of the Synodical Home Mission Committee submits the following report. It will be noted that only eleven months are covered. This is because the Committee has decided to close the books August 31 each year, and recommends the Presbyterial Committees to follow this course. Thus the same report will answer for the fall meeting of Presbytery and for Synod, and there will be time between closing the books and presenting the reports for suitable collation and comparison.

I. Treasury of the Synodical Committee.

OCTOBER 1, 1903—AUGUST 31, 1904.

1. Receipts.				2. Disbursements.		
Presbyteries.	From Presbyterial Treasurers.	From Churches, S. S., Y. P. S. C. E., &c., Direct.	Total.			
				Administration Expenses:		
				Printing	$28.50	
				Postage and Stationery	8 62	
				Committee Meetings	152.94	$190.06
				Grants to Presbyteries		
				N. Y. Board Designated by Chicago Presbytery		1712,17
				N. Y. Board Granted by Synod Committee		500.00
Alton						
Bloomington.	$ 400.00		$400 00			
Cairo						
Chicago	1712.17		1712.17			
Freeport						
Mattoon						
Ottawa	50.00		50.00			
Peoria						
Rock River	50 00	*$3.00	53.00			
Schuyler	200.00		200.00			
Springfield	400 00		400.00			
Total	$2812.17	$3 00	$2815.17	Total Disbursement		$2402.23
Bal. Cash on hand Oct 1, 1903.			523 77	Cash Balance, Sept. 1, 1904		936.71
Total			$3338.94	Total		3338.94

*Edginton Y. P. S. C. E.

Since the closing of the books, Aug. 31, 1004, to date of Synod, Oct. 18, there has been received from Springfield Presbytery $200, and from Rock River Presbytery $50, which will be included in next year's report.

II Treasuries of the Presbyteries.

OCTOBER 1. 1903 TO AUGUST 31, 1904.

I. Receipts.

Presbyteries.	Ch'rches	Sunday Schools.	Young People's Soc'ies.	Other Sources.	Total Gifts	Cash Balance Oct. 1, 1903.	Total Credits.
Alton	$ 810.12	$ 94 21	$107.50	a $10.40	$ 1,022.23	$ 344.10	$1,366 33
§Bloomington	2,165 65	85 66	111.25		2,359.76	133 68	2,493 24
§Cairo	1,128.74	30.20	120 75		1,279.69	407.66	1,687.35
*Chicago	a 17,316.42	363.91	198 60	b 1,645.00	19,523.93	8,995 02	28,518.95
Freeport	949.30	133.29	42.50		1,125 09	56.03	1 181.12
Mattoon	773 37		6.00		779 37	380.14	1,159 51
Ottawa	389.86	33.36	74 10		497 32	195.81	693.13
Peoria	828.97	15.00	6 35		850.32	324 55	1,174 87
Rock River	706 28	111.67	42.60		860 55	56.79	917 34
Schuyler	1.505 30	137 30	70 75	c 1.00	1.714 35	481.73	2,196 08
§Springfield	1,487.81	55.51	63.50	d 321.17	1,927 99	1,009.55	2,937.54
Total 1904	$28,058 82	$1,060.11	$843 90	$1,977.57	$31,940 40	$12,385 06	$44 325 46
Total 1903	29,182.17	1,004.23	734.29	2.327.00	33,247.69	9,499.83	42 747.52

* Chicago reports April 1, 1903 to April 1, 1904. a. $9.40 individual.
b. $1.640 individual; $5.00 Ladies' Society. c. Individual. d. Interest on Bergen Fund. § Reports 12 months, Oct. 1, 1903—Sept. 30, 1804.

2. DISBURSEMENTS.

Presbyteries.	Towards Salaries of Missionaries.	Synod'l Home Mission Treas.	Administrative Expense.	Total Expended.	Balance Sept. 1, 1904.	Total Debits.
Alton	$ 990 73	....	.. ..	$ 990 73	$ 375.60	$ 1.366 33
§Bloomington	a 2,031 44	$ 400.00	$ 10 44	2 441 88	51 36	2 493 24
§Cairo...	1 380 85	.. ..	14 35	1.395 20	292 15	1 687 35
*Chicago.....	b 17,617 77	c 1,712.17	618 08	19,948 02	8,570 93	28,518 95
Freeport	790.00	.....	41 75	831 75	349 37	1,181 12
Mattoon	887.88	....	11 00	898 88	260 63	1,159 51
Ottawa,,.....	6 00 00	50 00	7 65	657 65	35 48	693 13
Peoria	629 55	....	12 90	642 45	532 42	1,174 87
Rock River....	612 50	50 00	4 00	666 50	250 84	917.34
Schuyler.	1,061 90	200 00	4 20	1.266 10	929 98	2.196 08
§Springfield, .	988 71	400.00	27.90	1.416 61	1,520 93	2,937 54
Total 1904,....	$27 591.33	$2,812,17	$752 27	$31 155 77	13,169.69	$44.325 46
Total 1903.....	25 507 24	4,116 45	736 66	30.360 35	12,388.17	42,747 52

* Chicago, April 1, 1903 to April 1, 1904. a. Includes salary and expenses of Pastor at large, $1202 20. b. Includes Presbyterial Superintendent's Salary and $973.24 for maintaining Missions, fuel, lights, rent, &c. c. Designated. § Reports for 12 months, Oct. 1, 1903 to Sept. 30, 1904.

III. RECEIPTS FROM ILLINOIS BY NEW YORK BOARD.

OCTOBER 1, 1903, TO SEPTEMBER 1, 1904.

By kindness of HENRY C. OLIN, Treasurer.

Presbyteries.	Through Woman's Board.	Churches, S. S., Y.P.S.C.E., &c., Direct to N. Y.	p. Synodical Treasurer.	Total exclusive of Legacies and Individuals.	Individuals.	Legacies.	Total from all Sources.
Synodical....	$ 10 00						
Alton..... ...	412 23	$ 16 95		$ 439 18	....	.....	$ 440.18
Bloomington .	2,433 79	57 18	$ 181.82	2.672 79	$ 1.00	.....	2,673 79
Cairo.....	218 81	45 82	.....	264 63	.. ..	.....	2-4 63
*Chicago.. ...	6,842 85	210 37	§ 1,712 17	8,765.39	256 26	$10,000.00	19,021 65
Freeport.....	640 09	56.01	.....	696.10	.....	.....	696 10
Mattoon	419 09	98 00	.....	517 09	....	.....	517 09
Ottawa..	280 17	8 20	22 73	311.10	....	.....	311 10
Peoria..... ...	1,305 50	221;00	.....	1,526 50	.. ..	.....	1.526 50
Rock River....	809 21	15 29	22 73	847.23	1,200.00	1,246 02	3,093 25
Schuyler.....	1.016 81	74 64	90 90	1,182 35	.....	1,634.63	2.816 98
*Springfield ...	1,482 70	6.00	181.82	1.670.52	7.00	133.54	1,811.06
Total 1904.....	$15 871 25	$809 46	$2,212 17	$18.892 88	$1.464 26	$13 014 19	$33 371.33
Total 1903.....	19,997 82	712 70	2 666 45	23,376.97	2,426 50	4,509.01	30,312.48

* April 1, 1903 to April 1, 1904.

§ By special agreement Chicago sends 10 per cent. of total receipts to N. Y. Board. For year ending April 1, 1904, $240 22 was sent to Board direct from churches, Y. P. S. C. E.s and S. S. The balance $1,712 17 was sent through the Synodical Treasurer. Total, $1,952.39.

p. The remaining $500 is sent to New York Board by Synodical Treasurer and is then credited to the remaining Presbyteries in proportion to their gifts to Synodical Treasury.

IV. Summary of Home Mission Gifts of the Synod of Illinois.

OCTOBER 1, 1903 TO AUGUST 31, 1904.

Through Woman's Board for Schools	$15,871 25		
Churches, S. S., and Y. P. S. C. E., Direct to Board ("Evangelistic")	809 46		
Synodical Treasurer	2,212 17		
Total through Agencies of the Church		$18,892 88	
Gifts from living individuals	1 464 26		
Legacies	13,014 19		
Total from individuals		14,478 45	
Total received by N. Y. Board			$33 371.33
Retained for Presbyterial Use		29,128 23	
Retained for Synodical Use		603 00	
Total for Use in Illinois			29 731.23
Total Home Mission Gifts through Presbyteries, Synod and Board.			$63 102 56
*City and Other Missions			33,114.23
Total Reported Gifts of Illinois Presbyterians for Home Missions			$96,216.79

* Assembly Minutes, April, 1904, reports gifts to Home Missions from Illinois, $83,491. At same date the Board report credits Churches, S. S., &c., $922 26, and Woman's Societies, $17,461 17. In the present report Presbyteries and Synod have received $31,993 40. In all, $50,376.77. This leaves a balance of $33,114,23 for City and other Missions.

The report of the Committee on Home Missions was presented by Rev. T. D. Logan, chairman; and the Rev. E. L. Williams, Synodical Superintendent of Home Missions, addressed the Synod, after which the report was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF HOME MISSIONS.

This is an inspiring year in the cause of Home Missions. The nation is celebrating the Centennial of the Louisiana Purchase which, in 1803, added so largely to the public domain. The territory then acquired west of the Mississippi has proved to be of incalculable value, and is rapidly filling up with a sturdy population. It is the principal field of operation for our Board of Home Missions. Within this region the Presbyterians have 1627 churches, 895 of which receive aid from the Board of Home Missions. Six hundred and seventy missionaries and 69 teachers are working in this vast field. Seventy-seven new churches were organized last year, yet the Board has been compelled, through lack of funds, to withhold nearly all grants for new work. The

opportunity to plant churches in new communities must be embraced at once if our church is to exert its influence in moulding the religious character of this region.

This, however, is but a part of the work committed to the Board of Home Missions. In Alaska, on the Pacific coast, and in Synods east of the Mississippi not yet able to assume self-support, there is need of a large expenditure of funds, and there are urgent calls for more laborers in Porto Rico and Cuba, and for special efforts to evangelize the crowds of laborers that are congregating on the Isthmus of Panama. The Board has exepnded $479,812 in the support of ministers and churches, and $345,883 in schools conducted by the Woman's Board of Home Missions, amongst the exceptional classes of our population. To this must be added $211,017 contributed by the self-supporting Synods, making the aggregate Home Mission contributions more than a million dollars. It is a satisfaction to know that the Synod of Illinois has had a large share in this general work of Home Missions. Over $33,000 has been sent to the Board for work outside our own bounds. This is about $5,000 more than has been expended by our Presbyterial Committee for the support of our own mission work. The grand total of gifts to the Home Missions from the Synod of Illinois was over $96,000. The influx of foreigners is making necessary special efforts to reach the Slavonic races which are coming to our shores in large numbers. In November last a conference was held between the officers of the Board and representatives of the self-supporting Synods with reference to this particular work, and the Board promised financial assistance to such of the Synods as might not be able to undertake it themselves. Through the chairmen of the Presbyterial Committees an effort was made to ascertain whether Slavs, Italians, and other foreign-speaking people are found in Illinois in sufficient numbers to warrant the employing of missionaries who can speak their languages. The general opinion was that, apart from the Germans, there are no colonies of foreigners, accessible to Protestant influences, large enough to encourage the organization of foreign-speaking churches, and that efforts in their behalf should be made by the English-speaking ministers of neighboring churches. It is a question, however, whether our information is sufficient to make this a safe conclusion. Certainly there are large numbers of foreigners, other than Germans, about our coal mines and manufacturing centers, and until there has been a more thorough investigation, we have no right to conclude that we have no responsibility toward them. The above statements refer to the portion of the state outside Chicago. It

is well known that thousands of foreigners of all nationalities are found in the great city, and that these may be reached by missionaries speaking their language. The Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery of Chicago has taken up this special work with energy. Its importance can not be overrated. Our anxiety for the safety of our country, as well as for the salvation of souls, should lead us to give the pure Gospel to the multitude of foreigners who are coming to our shores.

Under the new rules of the Synod, the presentation of the work of missions amongst the colored population is in charge of this committee. Its importance cannot be questioned. Two hundred and fourteen ministers are employed in 363 churches numbering 21,358 communicants. There are 91 schools with 304 teachers and 11,763 pupils. Industrial training is a feature of nearly all these schools. Without detracting in the least from the value of the work done at Tuskegee, and other well advertised schools for the training of the colored race, Presbyterians ought to know that our Freedman's Board has been conducting similar institutions for many years, and that contributions made through the agency of their own church will be disbursed more economically and efficiently than if sent through other channels. Illinois has contributed to the Freedmen's cause through its churches $4,758.91; through Freedmen's Department of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, $5,203.93; through the Sabbath Schools, $576.16; and through the Young People's Societies and Bands, $915.04; a total of $11,454.04.

HOME MISSIONS IN ILLINOIS.

The work of Home Missions has been carried forward in our Synod according to the plan which has been in operation for the past ten years. There have been an unusual number of changes in the chairmen of the Presbyterial Committees, who constitute the Synodical Committee. Bloomington, Cairo, Chicago, Mattoon, Ottawa and Rock Island Presbyteries have new chairmen. Cairo has changed twice within the year. It is a tribute to the efficiency of our system that the work has moved forward without friction in spite of these changes. There has not been, however, the advance in contributions received by the Presbyterial Treasurer which we hoped for a year ago, but on the contrary, a loss of about $1,400 in the receipts, and a decline from 45 cents to 42 cents per member. The detailed statement will be found in the accompanying summary and in the Treasurer's report. It

is to be regretted that the churches are not rising to the measure of their responsibility, or fully improving their opportunities. A comparison between the condition of the Presbyterian Church in Illinois in 1870 and 1904 is worthy of careful study. It shows an increase of membership from 35,169 to 75,584, yet there are but seven more churches and sixty-eight more ministers. The increase has been most marked in Chicago, with its rapidly growing population. In 1870 the Chicago Presbyteries had eighty-five ministers, fifty-four churches and 6,089 communicants. In 1904 the Chicago Presbytery, including considerable territory outside the city, has 164 ministers, ninety churches and 24,524 communicants, an increase of fourfold. Leaving out Chicago Presbytery, the remainder of the Synod shows a reduction in the ministerial force from 351 to 340, and in the number of churches from 406 to 377, a loss of eleven ministers and twenty-nine churches. The membership has increased from 29,080 in 1870 to 51,060 in 1904. The churches throughout the state are nearly twice as large as they were thirty-four years ago. The Synod seems to have pursued unconsciously a policy of concentration, having fewer and stronger churches, and getting more work out of its ministers. In some instances this concentration was a wise policy. Where Old School and New School Churches occupied the same territory, a reduction in the number was to be expected, but it is a grave question whether the policy has not been carried too far. It has made it easier to support the churches, but it has not been as effective in carrying the Gospel to the unsaved. Measured by the additions to the churches on profession of faith, the 343 ministers of 1904 have gathered in 2,717 converts, whereas the 351 ministers of 1870 gathered in 2,757. Ministerial efficiency is about the same as it was, but measured by the membership of the churches, the increase has shrunk from over nine per cent. in 1870 to a little over five per cent. in 1904. If the purpose of the church is simply to maintain itself, the policy of concentration is a wise one; but if the church is in the world to rescue the perishing, the policy is certainly not calculated to secure this result. "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, and it tendeth to poverty." Spasmodic efforts to evangelize the masses will not take the place of the divinely appointed method of sending more laborers into the harvest field. Combination to increase efficiency is to be commended, but combination to make it easier to do the Lord's work is not according to the law of His Kingdom which requires us to lay down our lives for others. The Presbyterian Church of Illinois has abandoned

too many fields, because of the difficulty of sustaining the weaker churches. We have retreated too far already, and now the call is to advance; for we must begin to possess if we would inherit the land.

At the last meeting of the Synod, the Committee on Home Missions was authorized to employ a Superintendent and two or three Pastors-at-large as soon as the funds in hand would warrant these steps. Pastors-at-large have been appointed by three of the Presbyteries. The Committee did not see its way clearly to appoint a Superintendent till last summer, when the Rev. Edgar L. Williams, of Peoria, was selected. He began his work September first.

The General Assembly's Committee on Evangelism has promised an appropriation of $1,000 on condition that an equal amount be raised for this cause. Plans have been made to hold a number of evangelistic meetings in Home Mission churches, which it is hoped by this means to bring to self-support.

The committee are looking for a revival of enthusiasm in the work of Home Missions throughout the entire Synod, and with the hearty cooperation of ministers and churches expect that the coming year will be characterized by an aggressive forward movement. We invite criticism of our work by members of the Synod, and will be glad to consider any suggestions that may be made for its improvement.

We suggest the adoption of the following resolutions in addition to such as may be proposed by the Synod:

1. That inasmuch as an interdenominational committee has arranged to celebrate the Centennial of the Louisiana Purchase by a convention at Saint Louis, on October 29, 30 and 31, we recommend that wherever practicable, Sabbath, October 30, be observed in all our churches as a day of thanksgiving for all that has been done in bringing the West to a knowledge of Jesus Christ, and that on this day special offerings be taken for the cause of Home Missions, and sent to the Presbyterial Treasurers.

2. That having, a year ago, authorized the committee on Home Missions to appoint a superintendent, the Synod views with satisfaction the calling of Rev. Edgar L. Williams to this position, and promises the heartiest cooperation in his work. While the proposed evangelistic meetings are not to take the place of the regular work of sustaining and encouraging the weaker churches and organizing new ones, they will undoubtedly contribute to this end.

3. That the demands of this cause are so great that all Churches, Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies be urged to contribute to it directly, sending their offerings to the Treasurer of the Home Missionary Committee of their respective Presbyteries.

4. That the cause of Home Missions be assigned a place on the program of the first day at the next meeting of Synod.

THOMAS D. LOGAN, Chairman.

SUMMARY OF HOME MISSION WORK, SYNOD OF ILLINOIS,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 1, 1904.

PRESBYTERIES.	Total 1903.	Total 1904.	Alton.	Bloomington	Cairo.	Chicago.	Freeport.	Mattoon.	Ottawa.	Peoria.	Rock River.	Schuyler.	Springfield.
Missionaries	104	104	9	6	8	38	6	7	5	3	5	12	5
Assisted Churches and Missions	140	123	14	7	12	33	7	10	6	5	6	16	9
Assisted in groups	76	52	8	2	7	.. ....	2	6	4	4	2	12	5
Number of groups	29	22	3	1	3	.....	1	3	2	2	1	5	1
Members in Home Mission Churches	9,931	9,583	722	546	915	3,909	457	570	398	375	300	913	478
Added by Profession	1,017	1,063	62	29	56	576	22	67	11	88	31	61	60
Added by Certificate	378	472	14	12	25	291	9	36	8	17	16	22	22
Adult Baptisms	352	314	28	8	21	113	14	36	4	28	11	38	13
Infant Baptisms	412	334	22	17	14	218	20	3	5	11	12	9	3
Amount of Aid given	$25,507	25.491	990	909	1,380	16,644	790	887	600	629	612	1,062	988
Home Mission Churches giving to Syn. H. Missions	120	108	15	7	10	33	6	8	5	1	3	16	4
To Boards of the Church	$6,717	.....	332	.....	.....	.....	.....	230	.....	.....	70	.....	.....
Whole Number of Churches	469	468	49	54	41	91	30	34	23	37	35	41	33
Churches Self-supporting	291	293	26	40	22	58	23	23	1	24	29	25	22
Churches not Supplied	36	.. ....	12	7	7	.....	.....	1	3	6	.....	13	...
Churches giving to Synodical Home Missions	396	392	49	48	30	85	30	25	17	23	27	35	24
Amount from Churches and other sources	$33,240	31,837	1022	2,359	1 279	19,424	1,125	779	497	850	860	1,715	1,927
Average per member	.45	.42	.20	.296	.324	.792	.236	.176	.161	.146	.182	.315	.33
Churches not giving this way	73	76	.....	6	11	6	1	9	6	14	8	6	10
Churches giving to Home Board	45	47	3	2	5	6	4	8	2	5	7	4	1
Amount	$713	656	6	17	45	95	60	113	8	221	19	67	5
Total for Home Mission Churches	$33,953	32,493	1,028	2,376	1,324	19.519	1,185	892	505	1,071	879	1,782	1,932
Churches giving to Woman's Board	310	309	20	33	20	76	21	19	14	23	30	25	28
Amount for Home Mission Schools	$19,993	21 897	469	2,428	223	11,768	828	537	303	1.434	1,082	1,036	1,789
Total for Home Mission Churches and Schools	$53,950	54.390	1,497	4 804	1 547	31,287	2,013	1.429	808	2,505	1,961	2,818	3.721
Other Home Mission Offerings	$30,136	29 101	452	1 632	60	19.548	1 137	885	487	702	2,588	953	657
Grand Total for Home Missions	$84,086	83,491	1,949	6,436	1,607	50,835	3,150	2,314	1,295	3 207	4,549	3,771	4,378
Y. P. Societies giving to Synodical Home Missions	71	75	...	10	15	11	5	1	10	1	7	9	6
Amount	$734	.....	107	111	121	198	42	6	74	6	42	71	63
Churches reaching Self-support	13	6	....	2	.....	3	.....	.....	1	...	.....	.....	.....
Cost of Administration	$736.61	752.27	... ..	10.44	14.35	618 08	41.75	11 00	7.65	12.90	4.00	4.20	27.90

The following were invited to sit as Corresponding Members :

REV. GEO. A. McAFEE, D. D., of New York Synod.
REV. JOHN PEARSON, D. D., Cincinnati Conference M. E. Church.
REV. FREDERICK J. STANLEY, D. D., New York Synod.
REV. F. J. MOFFAT, Iowa Synod.

The time for the discussion was extended five minutes.

The Rev. Geo. McAfee addressed the Synod on the work of the Women's Societies of Home Missions. The Moderator resumed the chair.

Greetings were received from the Synod of Iowa, and the Stated Clerk was instructed to return the greetings of this Synod.

The order of the day was taken up and invitations were received for the next meeting of Synod from Champaign and Monmouth, and Synod voted to accept the invitation to Champaign.

The report of the Special Committee on Powers of Licentiates was made a special order of the day for 1:45 p. m.

The Committee on Minutes of the General Assembly reported that they had examined the Minutes and failed to find anything that required any action on the part of Synod.

After prayer, Synod took recess until 1:30 p. m.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 1:30 O'CLOCK.

Synod was convened with devotional exercises.

The report of the Committee on the Nominating of Standing Committee of Synod presented report through the chairman, Rev. Geo. J. E. Richards. The report was adopted as amended.

REPORT.

The Committee appointed by the Synod to nominate the Permanent Committees for the ensuing year, and to offer recommendations looking to the success of our new method of business, recommend:

1. That the Permanent Committees be as follows:

THE SPIRITUAL LIFE OF THE CHURCH.

FRANK F. CARSON, Chairman.

ARTHUR M. LITTLE.	J. D. McCAUGHTRY.
JAMES M. DUER.	S. S. CRYOR.
WM. C. SNIDER.	EDWIN M. CLINGAN.
F. O. SEAMANS.	ALEXANDER B. MOREY.
FRANK A. HOSMER.	JOHN A. BLAIR.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

W. S. PLUMER BRYAN, Chairman.

W. E. DONALDSON.	JOHN WESTON.
WALTER H. BRADLEY.	G. A. POLLOCK.
E. W. CLIPPENGER.	WM. I. ALEXANDER.
O. H. CARMICHAEL.	WM. R. KING.
R. S. STEVENSON.	CLIFFORD W. BARNES.

Sub-Committees.

Visitors to McCormick Theological Seminary.

E. L. WILLIAMS, A. B. COOPER, R. F. CRESSEY.

Visitors to Blackburn College.

S. C. BLACK, FRED J. TOWER, G. N. LUCCOCK, ELDER J. G. McCULLOH, ELDER C. T. YEOMANS.

Visitors to Lake Forest University.

EDWIN L. LORD, S. H. HYDE, J. M. TIDBALL.

THE YOUTH OF THE CHURCH.

W. FRANCIS IRWIN, Chairman.

FRANK P. MILLER.	C. F. MOORE.
M. E. TODD.	S. M. CAMPBELL.
A. J. VAN PAGE.	DONALD K. CAMPBELL.
A. M. EELLS.	A. B. COOPER.
S. W. HUFFER.	J. R. SAGER.

HOME MISSION.

THOS. D. LOGAN, Chairman.

EDWIN L. LORD, Sec.-Treas.	J. A. BLAIR.
H. K. SANBORNE.	A. R. BICKENBACK.
C. S. DAVIES.	ALVAN R. MATHES.
J. R. E. CRAIGHEAD.	W. V. JEFFRIES.
E. W. CURTIS.	S. L. ALLISON.
BEN EZRA STILES ELY, JR.	W. H. PENHALLEGON.

FOREIGN MISSION.

WM. S. MARQUIS, Chairman.

GEO. C. LENINGTON.	F. A. HOSMER.
ELISHA SAFFORD.	W. S. PRYSE.
W. D. SMITH.	G. A. POLLOCK.
THOS. E. SPILMAN.	B. F. GEORGE.
J. H. BOYD.	J. W. PUGH.

GENERAL CHURCH WORK.

JAMES BENSON, Chairman.	W. E. ARCHIBALD.
HENRY K. DENLINGER.	J. H. BOOSE.
S. M. MORTON.	DUNCAN C. MILNER.
DAVID G. CARSON.	T. H. ALLEN.
L. C. GRAY.	H. B. ALLEN.
A. F. ERNST.	

2. That the Stated Clerk be authorized to state to the various Boards and Agencies included under the supervision of the Committee on General Church Work the present method of business of the Synod, and that to successfully accomplish our purpose we cannot give the floor to their representative oftener than once in two years, and that any request for a hearing should be made to the Stated Clerk, not later than September 1st.

3. That Synod overture the Presbyteries under its care to rearrange their Permanent Committees, making them correspond, so far as possible, to the Permanent Committees of Synod; special care being taken to see that each phase of work covered by the latter shall receive the attention of some Presbyterial Committee.

The Moderator appointed the following committee to investigate the subject of the Religious Life at the State University :

REV. JOSEPH A. VANCE,
REV. JOHN I. BLAIR,
REV HUGH JACK,
and Elders H. P. MERRIMAN, M. D., and GEO. H. HOWE.

The Rev. John Pearson addressed the Synod on the work of the American Bible Society.

Rev. Frederick J. Stanley addressed Synod on the work of the American Sabbath Union, and the following resolution was adopted :

AMERICAN SABBATH UNION.

Whereas, The Synod of Illinois in session at Rock Island, having heard with pleasure the Rev. Frederick J. Stanley, D. D., L. H. D., General Secretary of the American Sabbath Union, an organization representing fourteen leading denominations in this country, address this body on the subject of the Christian American Sabbath, and

Whereas, This American Sabbath Union, with the exception of the Sabbath Alliance, is the only National organization, co-denominational and international, for maintaining our Christian Sabbath; and which officially represents this Presbyterian body in this department of Christian work, by the action of our General Assembly (G. A. Minutes 1904, pages 41 and 42.)

Therefore, be it Resolved That we commend both the American Sabbath Union and its coordinate organization, the Woman's National Sabbath Alliance, each with headquarters in New York City, to all the Pastors and Churches within our bounds, as meriting our hearty cooperation, in every way possible, in prosecuting their work of such vital interest to the Kingdom of our Lord, and to the welfare of our churches, our homes and our land.

Resolved, 2nd: That we recommend the Rev. Dr. Frederick J. Stanley, General Secretary of the American Sabbath Union, to our pastors and officers, and that we grant him the opportunity in our pulpits to present this momentous subject of the Christian Sabbath; and finally that we assist financially, whenever practicable, either by special freewill offerings to this cause, or by placing this Sabbath Union upon our list of annual benevolences, as recommended by our General Assembly. (Resolution 8, page 42, Minutes 1904.)

Rev. H. A. Johnston, of the Synod of New York, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Committee on Aguadilla Church presented final report through its chairman, Rev. F. J. Tower. The report was approved and committee discharged.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH ERECTION.

Mr. Moderator and Brethern of Synod:—

Your Committee on Aguadilla Church, which was retained for the past year for the special purpose of completing the $2000 fund for the Aguadilla, Porto Rico, church, desires to make its final report. The year has added materially to the fund, and, though the desired amount is not yet in, it is probably wisest to relieve this committee of any further responsibility. The final response to this cause has been very gratifying. Seven of the Presbyteries, viz: Cairo, Chicago, Freeport, Ottawa, Peoria, Rock River and Schuyler, have made consistent efforts to do their share, and have succeeded. Among the other four Presbyteries there has been a partial support of the effort, but your committee has met with some difficulties among them, owing to a conviction in the minds of some that Synod has not the right to obligate the churches to the payment of money for such causes. If these four Presbyteries, viz: Alton, Bloomington, Mattoon and Springfield, were to do as well as the remaining seven did, our fund would be complete. And we dare express the hope that they will yet, in an individual way, take up and complete what has not appealed to them strongly heretofore.

Following is the list of the Presbyteries contributing, with the amount contributed by each:

Alton	$ 66 93	Ottawa	121 10
Bloomington	47 47	Peoria	142 00
Cairo	160 35	Rock River	142 21
Chicago	7 00	Schuyler	610 89
Freeport	129 90	Springfield	135 00
Mattoon	$ 29 55		
Total			$1592 40

Of this amount there is

Already Sent to the Board	$1166 23
Amount now on hand	227 50
Amount sent direct to Board	163 56
Amount of expense	35 11
Total	$1592 40

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FRED J. TOWER, Chairman.

The report of the Committee on Old People's Home, as presented by chairman Rev. J. D. McCaughtry, was adopted as follows:

Your committee appointed one year ago to investigate the needs and the possibilities of founding an "Old People's Home" within the bounds of the Synod, can only report progress. The committee as a whole has not been able to get together, but the chairman has held conferences with several of the members individually, and there has been a good deal of correspondence, with the result the committee is more than ever convinced of the need of such a home as that contemplated in the appointment of the committee.

The committee learned that some years ago a member of the Presbyterian Church at Shelbyville, Ill., left a home for the purpose, but for lack of funds with which to maintain it, the home was never opened; the property was turned over to the Children's Aid Society, and is now being used as a receiving home for orphan children. While this is a much needed work, the home is lost to our church and to the purpose for which the donor originally intended it.

A home for Old Ladies, we understand, is soon to be opened by the Second Presbyterian Church of Bloomington, and it is possible that some arrangement can be made by which the Synod could cooperate in the support of the home and share in the privileges of the same.

It would seem that an effort should be made by the Synod to raise at least $50,000 for the founding and maintenance of such home for needy members of our Presbyterian Churches; and we, therefore, ask that the committee be continued for another year. Respectfully submitted,

JAMES D. McCAUGHTRY, Chairman.

Rev. Wm. Story, of the United Presbyterian Synod of Illinois, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we express anew our approval of the fairness and justice of the state local option bill proposed by the Anti-Saloon League of Illinois, and deplore the tactics employed to defeat it in the last legislature.

That we believe the privilege of voting directly against the saloon in counties, townships, cities, villages, wards and precincts, as provided by said bill, to be an unquestioned right, incident to self-government, and urge cooperation by all members of this Synod in the plans of the federated church agency known as the Anti-Saloon League, which has been recognized by the leading denominational bodies of Illinois, for securing the election of a legislature which will enact such legislation; and

That we memorialize the Forty-Fourth General Assembly of Illinois, which will convene at Springfield in January, A. D. 1905, to pass the local option bill which will be proposed by the Anti-Saloon League, and hereby direct that a properly authenticated copy of this resolution be sent by the Secretary of this Body to the clerks of the Senate and House of the next General Assembly, after the same shall have convened.

We authorize our representatives on the Board of Directors of the Illinois Anti-Saloon League to represent this Synod at any meetings or hearings of the friends of the local option bill during the next legislature.

Synod adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That we continue the committee on Sunday Opening of the State Fair, and authorize them to press the matter of preventing the opening of the State Fair on the Sabbath.

The Stated Clerk was authorized to send a telegram to the General Passenger Agents' Association now in session at Old Point Comfort, Va., urging the discontinuance of Sabbath Excursions.

The following telegram was sent:

General Passenger Agents Association,
Old Point Comfort, Virginia:—

Illinois Presbyterian Synod unanimously urges discontinuance of Sabbath excursions. GEO. J. E. RICHARDS, S. C.

The order of the day was postponed 15 minutes.

The report of the Special Committee on Powers of Licentiates was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON POWERS OF LICENTIATES.

To the Synod of Illinois:—

Your committee to which was referred the question of the right of a licentiate to perform the marriage ceremony respectfully reports as follows:

No one has authority to perform the marriage ceremony in this State except under the statute, the material part of which is as follows:

"Marriages may be celebrated either by a minister of the Gospel in regular standing in the church or society to which he belongs, by a judge of any court of record, by a justice of the peace, etc." Ill. Stat. Ch. 89, Sec. 4.

There being no ambiguity, this language must be construed in a plain, natural way, and as meaning just what it says and, therefore, whenever there is any question as to the position of any party exercising the authority conferred, particularly as to whether he is a "minister of the Gospel" within the meaning of the statute, these words must be accepted and construed in the sense in which they are used "in the church or society" to which such party belongs. Differently stated, these words are used in the statute in the same sense in which they are used in ecclesiastical law—that is, in the same sense in which they are used in the law of each denomination having officers known as "ministers of the Gospel." This being the case, the question is, who is a minister of the Gospel in the Presbyterian church, or within the meaning of Presbyterian church law?

In this law, the words "minister" and "licentiate" have clearly defined meanings, each designating an order or class of its own, and neither including the other. The word "minister" designates a person who has been regularly ordained, by the laying on of the hands of Presbytery, to the office of minister; while the word "licentiate" merely designates a probationer for such office.

It has been the unvarying law and usage of the church from its first establishment in this country to recognize the distinction between clergy and laity, and in advance of ordination to regard licentiates as belonging to the latter order. In no sense, therefore,can it be said that a licentiate is a minister within the meaning of Presbyterian church law. Ministers and licentiates being thus separate and distinct, one belonging to the order of the clergy and the other to the order of the laity, the word "minister," as used in Presbyterian church law, does not and cannot include licentiates; and, being used in the same sense in the statute of Illinois, the word "minister" must be given the same construction or meaning.

Nor do we see any practical way by which the Synod or even the General Assembly can confer upon licentiates authority to perform the marriage ceremony. To do so will require a new and authoritative definition of the word "minister" of such character as to include licentiates, thus practically abolishing the distinction between ministers and licentiates. To confer such authority upon licentiates as the law now stands, therefore, will be to say that, notwithstanding the state statute limits its exercise to "ministers," the Presbyterian church may extend it to at least one class of laymen. But if it can be so extended to one class, why not to others? And if the Presbyterian church can extend it to laymen, why may not every other denomination do the same?

It is also a serious question whether a licentiate performing the marriage ceremony, either with or without the approval of Synod, will not be guilty of a grave criminal offense, and subject to a severe penalty therefor. As to this, we quote from Section 102 1-2 of our Criminal Code as follows:

"Any person who shall celebrate any marriage when not authorized by the law of this state to celebrate marriages, shall be fined in any sum not exceeding five hundred dollars, and imprisoned for a period of not less than one day and not exceeding two years.'

If it be considered advisable to have the right to perform the marriage ceremony conferred upon licentiates, steps should be taken to secure the passage of a proper amendment to the state statute first above quoted. If such statute should be amended by the insertion of the words "by licentiates for the gospel ministry in such church" after the first clause—that is, after the words "to which he belongs" and before the words "by a judge of any court"—or by the insertion of these or other equivalent words in any proper place, then, of course, authority to perform the marriage ceremony would be conferred by an act of the legislature, passed in the usual and regular way, and not by the order of any ecclesiastical body.

In view of all the foregoing, we respectfully recommend that the Synod answer the overture from the Chicago Presbytery to the effect that licentiates for the gospel ministry do not have the right to perform the marriage ceremony in this state.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EPHRAIM BANNING,
JAMES M. RICE,
JOHN J. GLENN.

The General Committee on Presbyterial Records reported recommending the approval of the following records: Alton, Bloomington, Cairo, Chicago, Freeport, Mattoon, Rock River, Schuyler, Springfield, and that the records of Peoria Presbytery were not presented for examination. Report adopted.

The order of the day, the topic, "The Youth of the Church" was discussed by Revs. S. C. Black, H. A. Johnston of New York, S. S. Cryor, and R. O. Cressy.

The report of the Committee on Leave of Absence was adopted as follows:

Your committee reports that the following commissioners asked for and obtained leave of absence at the time designated:

Elders J. C. White and E. E. Willis, after Wednesday morning.

Rev. F. L. Selden and Rev. F. M. Carson, after Wednesday afternoon.

Revs. G. P. Williams, G. M. Luccock, Geo. Lockhart, E. Campbell and Elders J. M. Emery, Jacob Mortenson, T. F. Sexton, after Wednesday evening.

Revs. W. H. Penhallegon, A. C. Munson, W. S. P. Bryan, J. W. Nicely, C. L. Lucas, S. W. Patterson and Elder H. J. Treat, after Thursday morning.

Revs. W. F. Goff, S. S. Cryor, E. L. Williams, E. P. Loose, C. G. Reynolds, S. L. Divine, W. E. Donaldson, W. H. Bradley, E. N. Ware, W. E. Archibald, H. W. Burger, James Frothingham, W. H. Mason and Elder John Jeffrey, after Thursday afternoon.

The Educational Commission was continued for one year with power to fill vacancies in its membership.

The minutes of today's session were read and approved, and after prayer recess was taken until 7:30 p. m.

THURSDAY EVENING, 7:30 O'CLOCK.

Synod convened and was led in prayer and song.

An address on Home Missions was given by the Rev. Howard Agnew Johnston of New York, and an offering for missions was taken to be placed in the hands of the Ladies' Missionary Society of the Broadway Church.

The following resolution of thanks was adopted:

"In recognition of the splendid service rendered the Synod by the Rev. W. S. Marquis and the members and friends of the Broadway Presbyterian Church, adding to our comfort and facilitating the transaction of business, by happy foresight and the most gracious and unremitting oversight, we as commissioners to Synod and as delegates to the Women's Synodical Societies, wish to record our heartfelt gratitude and to express the hope that the blessing of our Heavenly Father may continue to rest upon you in ever-increasing volume.

Mr. W. H. Anderson, Superintendent of the Illinois Anti-Saloon League, gave an address on "The Battle with the Saloon."

The minutes of this evening's session were read and approved.

The roll was called and the following commissioners found to be present:

PRESBYTERY OF ALTON.

Ministers—Geo. W. Fisher, W. H. Parker.
Elders—F. H. Elam.

PRESBYTERY OF BLOOMINGTON.

Ministers—S. C. Black, Guy E. Smock, Adam Shafer, A. B. Cooper, M. F. Paisley, B. L. McWherter, E. F. Hoke, W. A. Mast, L. F. Cooper.

Elders—Jas. Love, A. J. McComb, J. C. White, J. C. Smith, Wm. Maxwell.

PRESBYTERY OF CAIRO.

Ministers—F. O. Seamans, S. E. Taylor, L. C. Gray.

PRESBYTERY OF CHICAGO.

Ministers—O. B. Oltmans, R. D. Scott, R. B. McCain.
Elders—H. H. Stryker, J. D. Skene.

PRESBYTERY OF FREEPORT.

Ministers—John Van de Erve, B. L. Brittin, J. T. Ford.
Elders—C. P. Fillmore.

PRESBYTERY OF MATTOON.

Ministers—Robt. B. Irwin, Samuel A. Caldwell.
Elders—Robt. B. Wilson.

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.

Ministers—James D. McCaughtry, Chas. W. Anthony, John S. Martin, Daniel H. Rohrabaugh.

Elders—J. J. Marsh.

PRESBYTERY OF PEORIA.

Ministers—James Benson, John B. Farrell, Jas. S. Sankey, Frank C. Everitt.

Elders—Charles N. Good, Calvin C. Lines, Charles S. S. Barrows, George E. Montgomery, Wm. A. Hervey.

PRESBYTERY OF ROCK RIVER.

Ministers—Lewis C. Voss, H. M. Markley, W. V. Jeffries, W. S. Marquis, John G. Griffin.

Elders—W. L. Candor, Robert Wallace, F. G. Young.

PRESBYTERY OF SCHUYLER.

Ministers—E. M. Clingan, W. A. Hutchison, S. H. Hyde, R. M. Hall.

Elders—R. A. Denny, Chas. Harris, G. W. Worman, G. C. Bartels.

PRESBYTERY OF SPRINGFIELD.

Ministers—Thos. D. Logan, R. F. Cressey, Geo. C. Lenington.

The business of the Synod having been completed, and the vote taken to adjourn, the Moderator declared the Synod to be adjourned and that the next annual Synod will meet on the third Tuesday of October, 1905, in the Presbyterian church of Champaign, Illinois. The Synod closed with prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.

SHERMAN L. DIVINE,
Permanent Clerk.

ATTEST.

GEO. J. E. RICHARDS,
Stated Clerk.

I. STANDING RULES OF THE SYNOD.

1. The General Rules for the Judicatories recommended from time to time by the General Assembly shall be the rules of the Synod.

2. The Synod, consisting of Commissioners chosen by the Presbyteries according to the ratio of one minister and one elder for every five ministers on the roll of each Presbytery, shall meet annually on the third Tuesday of October, at 7:30 p. m., and in the place designated at the previous annual meeting.

3. The officers of the Synod shall be a Moderator and two Temporary Clerks, who shall serve for one year; a Stated Clerk, who shall also be Treasurer, and a Permanent Clerk, who shall serve during the term of five years, or until their successors are elected. The salary of the Stated Clerk and Treasurer shall be $250 per year, and that of the Permanent Clerk $75 per year. The Moderator and Permanent Officers shall be chosen by ballot, but in case only one nomination is made, the election shall be viva voce.

4. A Committee of Arrangements shall be appointed annually, consisting of six members, among whom shall be the Stated and Permanent Clerks, the Moderator, and the Pastor of the Church in which the Synod meets, the Stated Clerk to be ex-officio Chairman. This Committee shall prepare the order of business for the Synod in consultation with the Chairmen of the Permanent and Standing Committees as hereinafter described, and shall also have charge of the railroad transportation of the members.

5. A list of the Commissioners of each Presbytery shall be forwarded by its Stated Clerk to the Stated Clerk of the Synod at least one week previous to the annual meeting.

6. The annual meeting of the Synod shall be opened with a sermon by the Moderator, or, in case of his failure, by some one designated by the Committee of Arrangements.

7. At least one-half hour of each day of the sessions shall be given to devotional services.

8. The following Standing Committees shall be appointed annually, viz:

On Bills and Overtures, 7 members.
On Judicial Business, 7 members.
On Minutes of General Assembly, 5 members.
On Finance and Treasurer's Accounts, 3 members.
On Attendance and Absence, 5 members.

On records of the Presbyteries, one member to constitute a General Committee to prepare and present the report, and eleven committees of three members each to examine the records of the Presbyteries and to report on the same to the General Committee.

9. The Permanent Committees of Synod shall be six in number.

1.—On the Spiritual Life of the Churches in the bounds of the Synod.

It shall present the religious condition and needs of our Churches, shall receive from the Presbyteries ten days before the annual meeting a written report on the state of religion covering a synodical year, shall prepare the narrative for the General Assembly and present it for the consideration of Synod, and shall have charge of Evangelistic and other movements looking to the quickening of the Spiritual Life, so far as these pertain to this Synod. The Communion of the Lord's Supper as observed by Synod may properly be held in connection with the consideration of this question.

2.—On Christian Education.

It shall take account of the religious condition of our youth in Universities, Colleges and Schools, public and private: the maintenance of the Church Schools, Colleges and Seminaries in the bounds of Synod, including the regular visitation of these by the committees of Synod; the aid of colleges and academies under the care of the General Assembly. To this Committee also is entrusted the question of the best method of presenting to the young men of our Synod the question of a call to the ministry and of promoting sound theological education within our bounds.

3.—On the Youth of the Church as represented in our Sabbath Schools and Young People's Organizations.

It shall devise measures to develop in our youth a clearer knowledge of the Word of God and of the active duties of the Christian life, not only in our own Sabbath Schools, but in the needy places of the land as cared for by the Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work.

4.—On Home Missions.

In addition to our Synodical Home Missions, this Com-

mittee shall have charge of the interests of our work among the Freedmen and among the foreign populations within our bounds, and of the duty of our Synod to the Home Mission Work of the Church at large.

5.—On Foreign Missions, which shall see to it that the interests of this cause may be properly presented to Synod by addresses from time to time.

6.—On General Church Work.

In which is included systematic beneficence, ministerial relief, church erection, temperance reform, Sabbath observance and such other practical measures as are not hereinbefore provided for.

These Committees, except that of Home Missions, which is governed by the General Rules adopted in 1902 and that of Foreign Missions, which is to consist of the Chairmen of the Presbyterial committees, shall consist of eleven members each, one from each Presbytery, to be appointed by the Synod.

10. The Moderator, who opens the annual meeting with a sermon, when not a Commissioner, the Chairmen of the Permanent and Special Committees and the Stated and Permanent Clerks of the Synod shall be ex-officio members thereof, with all the rights of members except that of voting.

11. To meet the contingent and mileage expenses of the Synod, an apportionment covering the amount needed shall be levied annually on the Presbyteries according to the number of communicants in their churches at their last report the amount to be apportioned and recommended by the Standing Committee on Finance.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurers of the Presbyteries to remit the amount thus required of them to the Treasurer of the Synod on or before the first of May of each year.

12. The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Synod shall be published in pamphlet form, under the direction of the Stated Clerk, as soon as practicable after the adjournment, and in sufficient number of copies to supply every minister and every Church Session in the Synod with one copy each, and also for distribution at the next annual meeting of the Synod.

13. The Janitor of the Church where the Synod meets shall be paid $5.00 for his services.

14. These Standing Rules may be modified or repealed, one day's notice being given, and also temporarily suspended by a two-thirds vote of the Synod at an Annual Meeting.

II. SUCCESSION OF MODERATORS.

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS, 1882-1904.

A. D.	Name.	Presbytery.	Place.
1882	*Robt. W. Patterson, D. D.	Chicago	Springfield
1883	John W. Dinsmore, D. D.	Bloomington	Alton
1884	Ambrose C. Smith, D. D.	Freeport	Bloomington
1885	Benj. C. Swan, D. D.	Cairo	Centralia
1886	Edward C. Sickells, D. D.	Rock River	Mattoon
1887	*Amos H. Dean, D. D.	Schuyler	Oak Park
1888	Samuel M. Morton, D. D.	Springfield	Galesburg
1889	*John H. Worcester, D. D.	Chicago	Rochelle
1890	*Edwin L. Hurd, D. D.	Alton	DuQuoin
1891	Isaac A. Cornelison, D. D.	Peoria	Joliet
1892	Alex B. Morey, D. D.	Springfield	Jerseyville
1893	*James A. Piper, D. D.	Mattoon	Peoria
1894	Frank F. Stoltz, D. D.	Ottawa	Jacksonville
1895	Wm. A. Hunter, D. D.	Bloomington	Peoria
1896	Joseph H. Stevenson, D. D.	Cairo	Danville
1897	*James Lewis, D. D.	Chicago	Galesburg
1898	David Clark	Freeport	Bloomington
1899	Jos. M. Ross	Schuyler	Joliet
1900	Thos. B. Greenlee, Ph. D.	Alton	Decatur
1901	Chas. N. Wilder, D. D.	Bloomington	Jacksonville
1902	Edwin L. Lord	Ottawa	Chicago
1903	Edgar L. Williams	Peoria	Springfield
1904	Thos D. Logan, D. D.	Springfield	Rock Island

III. SUCCESSION OF CLERKS.

Stated Clerks.		Permanent Clerks.	
1882	*David S. Johnson, D. D.	1882	Smith H. Hyde, D. D.
1902	Geo. J. E. Richards.	1902	Sherman L. Divine.

For full list of Moderators and Clerks from 1831 see Minutes of 1902.

*Deceased.

IV. STATISTICAL REPORT OF PRESBYTERIES.

1—ALTON.

Chairmen of Standing Committees.
Home Missions—Rev. H. K. Sanborne.
Foreign Missions—Rev. Elisha Safford.
Education—Rev. W. H. Bradley.
Ministerial Relief—Rev. J. G. Klene.
Church Erection—Rev. Edwin Harris.
Publication and S. S. Work—Rev. H. W. Marshall.
Freedmen—Rev. F. P. Witherspoon.
Systematic Beneficence—Rev. L. H. Schock.
Temperance and Sabbath Observance—Rev. M. H. Kerr.
Narrative—Rev. W. B. Minton.
Aid for Colleges—Rev. E. W. F. Holler.
Young People's Societies—Rev. J. R. Sager.

Ministers Received—M. M. Cooper from Springfield Presbytery; W. H. Parker, Nebraska City; W. M. Gardner, Huntingdon; C. F. Wilson, Bloomington; W. M. Maxton, Cairo.

Ministers Dismissed—W. A. Jackson, Los Angeles; J. W. Knott, Mattoon; J. R. McIlroy, Cairo; R. S. Strain, Great Falls; W. Bryson Smith, Rock River.

Ministers Ordained—R. S. Strain, J. A. Johnson, J. R. Sager,

WALTER H. BRADLEY, Stated Clerk.

2—BLOOMINGTON.

Chairmen of Standing Committees.
Home Missions—Rev. Chas. E. Davies.
Foreign Missions—Rev. W. D. Smith.
Education—Rev. Geo. R. Smith.
Ministerial Relief—Rev. Wm. C. Snider.
Church Erection—Rev. M. C. Long.
Publication and S. S. Work—Rev. G. D. Heuver.
Freedmen—Rev. E. Floyd Hoke.
Systematic Beneficence—Rev. C. S. Adams.
Temperance—Rev. Henry Love.
Narrative—Rev. E. D. Gallagher.
Aid for Colleges—Rev. H. K. Denlinger.
Young People's Societies—Rev. A. B. Cooper.
American Bible Society—Rev. Robt. Bradley.
Evangelistic Work—Rev. D. S. McCaslin.

Ministers Dismissed—Rev. J. R. Skinner, to Emporia; Rev. Geo. E. Hunt, Madison; Rev. Geo. W. MacWherter, Washita; Rev.

W. E. Parsons, Iowa; Rev. C. F. Wilson, Alton; Rev. C. H. Brown, St. Lawrence.

Ministers Received—Rev. Robt. Bradley, Winnebago; Rev. A. Kennedy Caswell, Vincennes; Rev. L. K. Grimes, Mattoon; Rev. J. G. Curry, Cimarron; Rev. S. W. Findley, Schuyler.

Pastoral Relation Dissolved—Rev. J. R. Skinner, Colfax; Rev. J. E. Foster, Danville, Bethany; Rev. C. S. Adams, Paxton; Rev. Geo. McNab, Mahomet and Jersey; Rev. W. E. Parsons, Danville First; Rev. D. Irwin Conkle, Normal.

Installations—Rev. J. T. Orton, Sheldon; Rev. C. S. Adams, Bement; Rev. R. L. MacWherter, Tolono; Rev. A. K. Caswell, Wellington; Rev. Robert Bradley, Danville, Bethany; Rev. L. K. Grimes, Paxton.

GEO. R. SMITH, Stated Clerk.

3.—CAIRO.

Chairmen of Permanent Committees.

Home Missions—Rev. James R. E. Craighead.
Foreign Missions—Rev. T. E. Spillman.
Education and Colleges—Rev. J. F. M. Knox.
Ministerial Relief—Rev. S. J. Hawkins.
Church Erection—Rev. W. P. Hosken.
S. S. Missions—Rev. L. J. Hawkins.
Freedmen—Rev. J. F. Knowles.
Systematic Beneficence—Rev. L. C. Gray.
Young People's Societies—Rev. A. M. Eells.
Narrative and Presbyterial History—Rev. F. O. Seamans.
Temperance and Sabbath Observance—Rev. S. E. Taylor.
American Bible and Tract Societies—Rev. T. M. Gossard.
Evangelism—Rev. Daniel Breeze.

Ministers Received—R. M. Wimmell, from Neosho; L. F. Bickford, Kidder, Mo., Cong. Association; James R. McIlroy, Alton; Kenneth Brown, Fort Dodge; James R. E. Craighead, Oklahoma; T. M. Gossard, New Albany; W. W. Wilson, Mattoon; Geo. J. E. Richards, Schuyler.

Ministers Dismissed—J. W. Parkhill, to Presbytery Fort Dodge; C. E. Marvin, Kalamazoo; W. M. Maxton, Alton; L. F. Bickford, Cleveland; Alexander Litherland, Vincennes.

R. S. STEVENSON, Stated Clerk.

4—CHICAGO.

Chairmen of Standing Committees.

Home Missions—Rev. Edw. H. Curtis, 6221 Kimbark Ave.
Foreign Missions—Rev. John H. Boyd, Evanston, Ill.

Education—Rev. Frank M. Carson, 720 Pine Grove Ave.
Ministerial Relief—Rev. Robt. D. Scott, Joliet, Illinois.
Freedmen—Rev. Clarence G. Reynolds, Joliet, Ill.
Pub. and S. S. Work—Rev. S. L. Divine, 619 Jackson Boul.
Church Erection—Rev. Albert A. Pfanstiehl, Highland Pk.
Temperance—Rev. Duncan C. Milner, Joliet, Ill.
Y. P. S.—Rev. S. M. Campbell, 922 Hinman Av, Evanston.

Ministers Received—Edward A. Elfeld, Whitewater; John Balcom Shaw, New York.

Ministers Dismissed since Minutes—Henry C. Rogers, Iowa Presbytery; Augustus M. Ayers, Winnebago; Robert C. Galbreath, Detroit; Wm. T. Reynolds, Schuyler.

Deceased—Archibald McDougall, August 26.

Ordained—Douglas H. Carnell, Robert C. Galbreath, Howell Isaac, Charles S. Pier.

5—FREEPORT.

Chairmen of Standing Committees.
Home Missions—B. E. S. Ely, Jr.
Foreign Missions—F. A. Hosmer.
Education—J. H. Boose.
Ministerial Relief—S. C. Hay.
Freedmen—F. A. Hosmer.
Publication and S. S. Work—C. C. Miller.
Aid for Colleges—J. T. Ford.
Church Erection—J. M. Wright.
Temperance—John Van de Erve.
Systematic Beneficence—A. J. Van Page.
Christian Endeavor—C. C. Miller.

Ministers Received—W. S. Axtell, from Duluth Presbytery.

Ministers Dismissed—Ralph H. Nye, to Chicago Presbytery; August Kalohn, St. Louis; Johannes Bantley, St. Paul; T. R. White, Madison; A. R. Des Jardien, Nebraska City; Jacob Klaasse, Hudson; C. E. Dunn, Philadelphia.

In Transitu—Rev. R. L. Evans, from Rockford Association of Congregational Churches.

Ordained—Fred Miller McCreary.

Deceased—Rev. Welcome R. Herendeen.

JOHN HENRY BOOSE, Stated Clerk.

6—MATTOON.

Chairmen of Standing Committees.
Home Missions—Rev. John A. Blair.
Foreign Missions—Rev. Wm. S. Pryse, D. D.

Education—Rev. O. H. Carmichael.
Ministerial Relief—Rev. E. P. Rankin.
Freedmen—Rev. Chas. Christensen.
Publication and S. S. Work—Rev. S. A. Caldwell.
Aid for Colleges—Rev. S. M. Morton.
Church Erection—Rev. Montgomery May.
Young People—Rev. Benj. H. Fields.
Temperance—Rev. A. M. Elliott.
Systematic Beneficence—Rev. John N. Strain.
Sabbath Observance—Rev. Robt. B. Irwin.

SAMUEL M. MORTON, Stated Clerk.

7—OTTAWA.

Chairmen of Standing Committees.
Home Missions—Rev. A. R. Bickenbach.
Foreign Missions—Rev. G. A. Pollock.
Education—Rev. J. G. Butler.
Ministerial Relief—Rev. Theo H. Allen.
Church Erection—Rev. Geo. Dunlap.
Publication and S. S. Work—Rev. D. K. Campbell.
Freedmen—Rev. J. D. McCaughtry.
Systematic Beneficence—Rev. D. H. Rohrabaugh.
Temperance—Rev. B. R. Vonder Lippe.
Aid for Colleges—Rev. James A. Greene.
Young People's Societies—Rev. O. C. Johnson.

Deceased—Rev. Newton Barrett, August 9, 1904, age 92.

Ministers Received—James A. Greene, from Lima Presbytery; James M. Campbell, Nebraska City; Peter Birrell, Niobrara; R. Cameron Townsend, Peoria; David T. Robertson, Chicago.

Ministers Dismissed—William A. Montgomery, to DesMoines Pres. Geo. C. Porter, Niobrara; Wm. W. Warne, Mouse River.

THEODORE H. ALLEN, Stated Clerk.

8—PEORIA.

Chairmen of Standing Committees.
Home Missions—Alvin R. Mathes.
Foreign Missions—Benjamin Y. George.
Education—Wm. H. Mason.
Ministerial Relief—Pliny B. Ferris.
Freedmen—James Benson.
Publication and S. S. Work—Milton E. Todd.
Aid for Colleges—John Weston.
Church Erection—James Benson.
Temperance—John H. McGaughey.

Systematic Beneficence—Thos. Stephenson.
Young People's Societies—A. R. Mathes.

Ministers Received from Presbyteries—Hugh Jack, from Des Moines; Amos A. Randall, Riverside; Alfred O. Elliott, Nebraska City; Jas. Gibson Lowrie, Kalamazoo.

Ministers Dismissed to Presbyteries—Chauncey T. Edwards, to Buffalo; Wm. C. Crofts, Rock River; Wm. H. Foulkes, Cedar Rapids; Edward A. Krapp, Monroe; R. Cameron Townsend, Ottawa.

ISAAC A. CORNELISON, Stated Clerk.

9—ROCK RIVER.

Chairmen of Standing Committees.
Home Missions—Rev. W. V. Jeffries.
Foreign Missions—Rev. Wm. S. Marquis, D. D.
Education—Rev. W. E. Donaldson.
Ministerial Relief—Rev. R. E. Fleming.
Church Erection—Harry B. Allen.
Sabbath School—Rev. J. B. Howard.
Freedmen—Rev. J. M. Tidball.
Systematic Beneficence—Elder A. A. Mackey, Woodhull.
Temperance—Rev. Marion Humphrey.
Narrative—Rev. N. W. Thornton.
Aid for Colleges—Rev. J. I. Dooi.
American Bible Society—Rev. John T. Fulton.
Young People's Societies—Rev. Cary F. Moore.
Evangelistic Work—Rev. S. S. Cryor, D. D.
Pastoral Relation—Rev. Wm. S. Marquis, D. D.

Ministers Enrolled since Assembly's Minutes—Rev. I. S. Simpson, from Dubuque Presbytery; Rev. W. B. Smith, Alton; Rev. J. F. Malcolm, Mattoon.

Ordained—Harry M. Markley, May 12, 1904; Frank E. Nurse, April 13, 1904.

Deceased—George W. Smith, Ph. D., October 7, 1903.

CHAS. M. ROBB, Stated Clerk.

10—SCHUYLER.

Chairmen of Standing Committees.
Home Missions—S. L. Allison.
Foreign Missions—J. W. Pugh.
Education—E. M. Clingan.
Ministerial Relief—W. A. Hutchinson.
Church Erection—F. J. Tower.
Publication and S. S. Work—J. M. Thomson.

Freedmen—Elder J. R. Hanna, Monmouth.
Systematic Beneficence—W. R. Stewart.
Young People's Society—S. W. Huffer.
Narrative—J. F. Winnard.
Temperance and Sabbath Observance—M. R. Baer.
Aid for Colleges—H. G. Dusenberry.
American Bible Society—A. F. Ernst.
Pastorates and Vacancies—E. M. Clingan.

Ministers Received—Daniel Grieder, from Omaha Presbytery; Herbert A. Bra.ford, Neosho; W. T. Reynolds, Chicago; S. L. McArnis, Holston.

Ministers Dismissed—H. N. Gerdes, South Dakota Presbytery; Geo. J. E. Richards, Cairo; J. M. Eakins, Chicago; C. E. Fulton, Duluth; J. L. Sawyer, Iowa; F. A. Crandall, Des Moines; S. W. Findley, Bloomington; F. A. McGaw, Iowa; M. R. Baer, Dayton.

Ministers Installed—H. N. Gerdes, over Salem German; W. A. Hutchison, Augusta.

Pastorates Dissolved—H. N. Gerdes and Salem German; J. M. Eakins and Mt. Sterling; Geo. J. E. Richards and Kirkwood; S. W. Findley and Oquawka; J. W. Pugh and Fountain Green.

Deceased—Rev. H. Hanson, April 2, 1904, aged 79-3-13.

A. F. ERNST, Stated Clerk.

11—SPRINGFIELD.

Chairmen of Standing Committees.
Home Missions—Wm. H. Penhallegon.
Foreign Missions—Geo. C. Lenington.
Education—Jas. E. Rogers.
Aid for Colleges—Chas. M. Brown.
Systematic Beneficence—D. G. Carson.
Church Erection—S. A. Glasgow.
Ministerial Relief—A. B. Morey.
Sabbath School Work—W. F. Irwin.
Young People's Societies—D. J. Mitterling.
Temperance—Geo. E. Saunderson.
Bible Society—Elder Ensley Moore.

Ministers Dismissed to Presbyteries—Rev. Frank J. Bryson, to Steubenville.

Ministers Ordained—Howard G. Wilkinson, May 12th, 1904.

Deceased—Chas. B. Barton, Dec. 19, 1903; Robert Lenington, Dec. 26, 1903; Chas. E. Kalb, April 22, 1904.

GEO. C. LENINGTON, Stated Clerk.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS OF THE SYNOD OF ILLINOIS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 1, 1904.

PRESBYTERY.	Ministers Received.	Ministers Dismissed.	Ministers Deceased.	Installations.	Ordinations.	Pastorates Dissolved.	Licentiates.	Candidates.	Whole Number of Ministers.	Churches Dissolved and Dismissed.	Churches Organized and Received.	Church Edifices Built.	Manses Acquired.	Churches with Pastors and P. E.	Churches with Supplies.	Churches Vacant.	Whole Number of Churches.	Whole Number of Members.	Whole Number of S. S. Members.	STATED CLERKS.
Alton	5	5	....	6	3	....	....	2	35	....	....	....	2	18	18	13	49	4,988	6,072	Walter H. Bradley.
Bloomington	5	6	....	6	....	6	....	5	55	....	....	1		32	8	14	54	7,983	6,512	George R. Smith.
Cairo	8	4	....	3	....	5	1	2	28	1	....	....	....	13	12	17	41	3,948	3,690	R. S. Stevenson.
Chicago	19	14	1	13	4	8	3	21	155	....	1	2	....	70	15	6	91	24,524	30,366	James Frothingham.
Freeport	1	7	1	2	1	5	....	5	31	....	....	....	1	22	2	6	30	4,878	4,627	John H. Boose.
Mattoon	4	4	....	2	....	2	....	1	28	....	....	1	1	8	22	4	34	4 424	3 757	Samuel M. Morton.
Ottawa	5	3	1	5	....	3	....	3	25	1	....	1	....	16	1	6	23	3,081	2,648	Theodore H. Allen.
Peoria	4	5	....	5	....	6	....	1	34	2	....	1	....	21	3	12	36	5,749	5,351	Isaac A. Cornelison.
Rock River	4	....	1	5	2	5	....	2	40	1	.. .	2	2	21	9	5	35	4,717	4,667	Charles M. Robb.
Schuyler	4	9	1	3	....	5	....	3	28	....	....	....	2	12	12	17	41	5,445	5,009	A. F. Ernst.
Springfield	....	1	3	1	1	2	1	7	26	....	....	....	1	15	7	11	33	5,847	5,057	George C. Lenington.
Total	59	58	8	51	11	47	5	52	485	5	1	8	9	248	109	111	467	75,584	77,756	

V. List of Churches, Number of Elders and Clerks of Sessions.

PRESBYTERY OF ALTON.

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
5	Alton	S. R. McClure
4	Baldwin	Wm. Wilson
5	Belleville	Jas. McQuilkin 222 E 7th St., Belleville
4	Blair	T. J. McBride
3	Bethel	H. M. Ferguson Reno.
3	Brighton	W. H. Hart
3	Butler	Geo. W. Dryer
6	Carlinville	W. T. Brown
3	Carlyle	Wm. Smith
6	Carrollton	G. W. Davis
3	Chester	M. C. Crissey
3	Collinsville	R. S. Reed
6	East St. Louis	H. J. Buerki 339 Collinsville Ave.
3	Ebenezer	Jas. Lawder Rockwood.
6	Edwardsville	J. H. Glass
2	Elm Point	Thos. Wafer
6	Greenfield	W. A. Saylor
12	Greenville	S. Curtis White
4	Hardin	B. F. Wilkinson
8	Hillsboro	J. O. Fisher
6	Jerseyville	Rev. J. G. Klene
1	Kampsv'e	A. R. Zimmerman
2	Lebanon Marshal Memorial	S. F. Flint
9	Litchfield	J. R. Paisley
1	Madison	J. R. Beale
4	Moro	Arthur Smith
4	Nokomis	J. M. Barkley
1	Plainview	Geo. Morrison
3	Raymond	Hy Fensterman
5	Rockwood	Alex. Barber.
3	Salem (Ger.),	J. F. Moery Fosterburg.
9	Sparta	Jas. Gordon, Sr.
3	Spring Cove,	H. B. Warner. Challacombe.
3	Staunton	W. R. George.
2	Steeleville	J. M. Montgomery
2	Sugar Creek	C. O. Drayton. Trenton.
3	Summit Grove	D S H Nevius. Kampsville.
4	Trenton	A. W. Carter.
3	Troy	Dr. F. M. Zanders.
2	Unity	W. M. Gray. Rockwood.
4	Upper Alton,	W. H. Bradley.
6	Virden	J. M. Furry.
3	Walnut Grove	H VanArsdale Carrolton (R F D)
3	Walnut Hill	Johnson Wilson Degognia.
4	Waveland	W. F. Hickman. Hillsboro.
5	White Hall	H. O. Tunison
3	Woodburn (Ger)	J F Moery Fosterburg.
1	Yankeetown	Hugh McCuen Ames.
1	Zion	Rev. J. F. Moery Fosterburg.

PRESBYTERY OF BLOOMINGTON.

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
3	Alvin	C. A. Peterson
6	Bement	Harlon P. McNair
7	Bloomington 1,	W. Maxwell
10	Bloomington 2,	M. L. Moore
3	Cayuga	Wm. Baughman
	Cerro Gordo	

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
8	Champaign	G. W. Harwood
5	Chatsworth	D. J. Stanford
6	Chenoa	E. P. Holderness
	Cissna Park	
3	Clarence	J. C. Smith
8	Clinton	Wm. R. Rundle
5	Cooksville	J. C. Wilson
	Covel	
3	Colfax	J. J. Wiley
7	Danville 1	C. T. Yeomans
4	Danv'e Bethany,	P. Scheimer
3	Downs	G. G. Doolie
3	Elm Grove	J. E. Britton
7	El Paso	Geo. Shuman
3	Fairbury	Chas. Keck
2	Farmer City	Morton Kent
7	Gibson City	John Pierpont
4	Gilman	Henry Harris
6	Heyworth	A. J. McComb
5	Hoopest'n	M. A. Boardman
3	Homer	J. C. White
3	Jersey	John Odell
7	Lexington	W. R. Mahan
3	Mahomet, J	W Herriott, Jr.

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
2	Mansfield, E	S Cunningham
4	Mononk	J. A. Simpson
5	Monticello	C. J. Bear
3	Mt. Carmel	I. N. Horner
5	Normal	A. E. Stout
6	Onarga	J. W. Porter
2	Paxton	D. B. Graves
3	Philo	S. S. Love
5	Piper City,	W. O. McKinney
6	Pontiac	Dr. J. A. Caldwell
4	Prairie View	J. H. Noble
4	Rankin	Jno. S. Hewins
3	Reading	A. H. Patterson
4	Rossville	Geo. Maury
1	Sidney	Chas. T. Helm
2	Selma	C. E. Ransom
3	Sheldon	Robt. Ross
5	Toloua	T. M. Salisbury
3	Towanda	G. W. Peterson
3	Urbana	Dr. E. B. Greene
5	Watseka	B. L. Gilmore
5	Waynesvills	W. H. Finfrock
5	Wellington	W. V. Doan
4	Wenona	Thos. J. Hoge

PRESBYTERY OF CAIRO.

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
5	Anna	Dr. F. A. Sabin
5	Ava	Matthew Wright
6	Bridgeport	C. M. Piper
3	Cairo	M. Easterday
4	Campbell Hill,	J. M. Hanna
7	Carbondale	J. M. Johnson
2	Carterv'e	Hugh M. Richart
4	Carmi	C. S. Conger
6	Centralia	Henry D. Buck
5	Cobden	H. A. Dubois
3	Duquoin	L. S. Smith
2	Equality	Thos. A. Davis
3	Fairfield	John Keen, Jr.
3	Flora	S. C. Dayton
3	Friendsville	B. W. Lucas
8	Galum	

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
	(Pinkneyville),	F. P. Anderson
1	Gilead	
	(Sumner)	Jno. McVickar
7	Golconda	D. G. Thomson
2	Grand Tower,	J. W. Davie
6	Harrisburg W	Penn Hallock
3	Keil	M. C. Keil
3	Lawrenceville,	F. W. Keller
1	McLeansboro	
4	Metropolis	C. P. Treat
4	Mt. Carmel	G. C. Kingsbury
4	Mt. Olivet	
	(West Liberty)	Wm. Eberhart
4	Mt. Vernon	W. R. Parkinson
4	Murphysboro,	J. H. Delano
4	Nashville	W. B. Anderson

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
2	Oak Grove	
	Oakdale	Wm. Williamson
3	Odin	
	Salem	Jno. McMurray
6	Olney	J. T. Ratcliffe
4	Pisgah	
	Bridgeport,	T. H. Gutheridge
5	Richland	
	Calhoun	Rufus Snively
1	Saline Mines	Jas. Rose
4	Shawneetown	Carl Roedel
4	Sumner	H. M. Wagner
4	Tamaroa	J. W. Haines
3	Union	
	Pasturefield	G. G. Westall
3	Vengennes	Jno. Crain
1	Wabash	
	Linn	Chas. Andrews

PRESBYTERY OF CHICAGO.

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
3	Arlington Hts	S. E. Pate
11	Austin	Wm. A. Dean
6	Avondale,	Axel B. Paulson
11	Belden Ave,	J. W. McLean
5	Berwyn	A. J. Dunham
5	Bethany	C. R. Moorhead
5	Braidwood	A. A. Pawling
4	Brighton Park,	R. Collinge
7	Brookline	Peter Storms
3	Buckingham,	H. S. Randall
4	Cabery	
6	Calvary	J. B. Kerr
8	Campbell Park,	J. C. Crafts
5	Central Park	H. H. Stryker
11	Chicago 1st,	H H. Munger
10	" 2nd,	Henry M. Ralston
25	" 3rd,	R. B. Merriam
6	" 4th	Edw. H. Smith
9	" 6th	Warton Platner
5	" 7th,	Edgar O. Burton
11	" 8th	F. W. Main
6	" 9th	Harry K. Jones
7	" 10th,	W. Groundwater
3	" 11th,	S. DeBruine
10	"41st St.	W. L. Moss
6	" 52d Av	N. R. Best
5	Chicago Hts.	G. H. Caskey
6	Christ	H. E. Snyder
10	Covenant	Edw. A. Halsey
2	Deerfield	Wm. W. Clark
4	Douglass Park	A. M. Houser
3	Du Page	M. B. McNutt
2	Edgewater	E. J. Holden
4	Elwood	Wm. F. Keith
7	Emerald Ave.	D. Matheson
3	Endeavor	Wm. Taylor
9	Englewood,	J. Strachan, Jr.
11	Evanston 1,	C. D. B. Howell
6	Evanston 2nd,	R. K. Brown
2	Faith	W. H. Robertson
8	Fullerton Ave,	D. Cameron
	Galilee	J. J. Larimer
3	Gardner	Winfield S. Allison
3	Garfield Boul,	J. L. S. Hall
4	Grace	Stuart D. Fowler
3	Harvey	Joel E. Field
5	Herscher	Edw. Bartlett
8	Highland Park	R. W. Patton
2	Hinsdale	Thos. Sweezey
3	Homewood	Wm. Cone
2	Hyde Park	A. H. Rugg
6	Immanuel,	G. S. McConnell
1	Itasca	Edwin O Nichols
3	Italian	Filippo Grilli
7	Jefferson Park,	W. H. Watt
10	Joliet Central,	Alfred Nash
7	Joliet First	F. E. Marsh
3	Joliet 2nd	A. Van Fleet
5	Kankakee	C. E. Holt
5	LaGrange,	G. H. Bremner
8	Lake Forest	A. C. Haven
4	Lake View Dr.	S. P. Hedges
3	Libertyville	A. M. Casey
3	Manteno	Edw. W. Hume

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
2	Maywood ..	C. J Lancaster
5	Miliard Ave, ..	R. H. Ewing
6	Morgan Park	R B Thomson
3	New Hope Coal City	James Ross
9	Normal Park	J. K. Brittain
7	Oak Park ..	O. J. Prentiss
4	Olivet Memorial ..	A. Rowe
1	Onward	Edw. Leach
5	Peotone	H. P. Yung
4	Pullman	Ellis Morris
	Ravenswood ..	W. J. Pettit
5	Ridgeway Ave,	G. F. Scott
5	River Forest	
4	Riverside	C. P. Beach
4	Roseland ..	John Maderom
5	Roseland Central	
4	Scotch. Westminster,	Alex. Ewnson
4	South Chicago	
6	So. Tabernacle,	E S Stewart
4	So. Waukegan,	E. Sedgwick
8	St. Anne ...	E. C. Corkins
4	Waukegan ..	Jas. D. Skene
4	W. Division St.	I. Webster
5	Windsor Park ..	H. Tiffany
4	Wilmington	O. Chamberlain
10	Woodlawn Park,	M M Jones
3	Zion Wheeling ..	O B Oltmans

PRESBYTERY OF FREEPORT.

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
3	Middle Creek,	W Bridgland
2	Woodstock ..	Rev. S C Hay
15	Rockford 1st..	E E Wilson
4	Galena 1st	J S Helm
4	Ridgefield ..	W P Walkup
3	Zion Schapville	F. W. Bruechert
3	Scales Mound,	F Bruechert
9	Belvidere	H W Avery
6	Linn-Heb'n,	W H Groesbeck
9	Rockford Westminster ..	S W Walace
4	Winnebago.. ..	W I Wells
3	Forreston Grove	H Smith Jr
8	Freeport 1st,	J Brockmeier
4	Cedarville... ..	H Richart
2	Freeport 2d ..	G. M. Fugate
3	Freeport 3d ...	W Dietrich
4	Oregon	Alpha Jones
9	Willow Creek Argyle	David Picken
5	Harvard ...	T. Goodnecht
1	Prairie Dell	T. Groen
4	Hanover	W N Miller
3	Galena (Ger.)	C. Erbe
5	Marengo ..	E F McKenney
5	Galena South ..	J G Crooks
4	Warren.. ..	G W Pepoon
3	Apple River,	Jas. Charlton
1	Elizabeth	Rev. S. R. Myers
1	Savanna ..	E Hammersmith
3	Dakota	H. F. Barr

PRESBYTERY OF MATTOON.

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
4	Newton,	Rev. W H Prestley
4	Tower Hill ...	A A Eiler
6	Neoga,.....	S. F. Wilson
9	Pana	E M Hybarger
3	Toledo..	R C Willis
5	Grand View ...	C C Clapp
4	Ashmore ...	C R Mitchell
2	Bethel Arcola	C F Moore
2	Arcola	H U Potter

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
4	Vandalia	T N Pitkin
6	Taylorville ..	J N Waddell
4	Morrisonville	H J Dey
7	Mattoon	Frank Cox
3	Beckwith Prairie	M M Dick
4	Palestine ..	Ira H Bussard
6	Effingham ...	H S Parker
4	Bethany	E G Spence
7	Assumption ..	F G Mitchell
5	Charleston ...	I B Mitchell
4	Kansas..	C A Hite
2	Robinson ..	P G Bradbury
5	Oakland	O L Minter
5	Tuscola	J R Cantrall
6	Paris	Henry F Nelson
8	Shelbyville ..	Thos H West
3	Greenup	J V Runkle
4	Pleas't Prairie,	J McDonald Lerna.
3	Moweaqua ...	R B Wilson
4	West Okaw ...	J H Baird Prairie Home
2	Dalton City ..	T J Brown
3	New Providence	G N Ulrich Paris.
1	Watson	W M LeCrone
4	Casey	Geo. F Shimel
3	Chrisman ..	Wiley Rogers

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.

No. Elders.	Churches	Clerks.
7	Aurora	Thos B Swan
3	Earlville	D L Barnard
3	Elgin ...	Rev. G A Pollock
6	Sandwich,	W W Woodbury
4	Waltham ...	D A Bennett Utica.
4	Oswego ..	G M Croushorn
4	Paw-Paw	Robt. Pogue
5	Gr'd Rd'ge	F H Poundstone
2	Troy Grove,	A C McDowell
9	Streator ..	D G Campbell
2	Ottawa ...	D. K. Campbell
7	Ottawa, South,	J T Cooley
5	Morris ..	Robt. R Doherty
4	Waterman,	John M Smiley
1	Brookfield	J J Marsh
2	Union Grove ..	A C Moore
2	Granville	Robt. Tutt.
6	Mendota ..	S. Kirkpatrick
6	Rochelle,	C J McClymonds
4	All Sable G've	S W Johnson
3	Meridan ...	Jas. McDowell
2	Kings .....A. L. Koukle Florid	Milton Ford Florid.

PRESBYTERY OF PEORIA.

No. Elders.	Churches	Clerks.
1	Alta	Justus T Hawley
5	Altona ..	T. F. Templeton
1	Astoria	J H Meredith
3	Banner ...	C H Northrup
3	Brunswick ..	M T Graham
7	Canton	H. F. Suydam
2	Crow Meadow..	F N Rood
4	Delavan	A Stubbs
5	Elmira ...	Geo. Rutheford
4	Elmwood.	W J VanPatten
5	Eureka	G W Anthony
5	Farmington,	Jno. Caldwell
2	French Grove ..	W E Reed
9	Galesburg ...	A A Sigsbee
3	Green Valley..	S S Darling
5	Henry	J. A. Williams
4	Ipava ...	C. S. S. Barrows
6	Knoxville ..	A G Charles

No. Elders.	Churches	Clerks.
5	Lewistown ...	Oliver Rice
2	Limestown ..	Wm. Taylor
5	Oneida ..	Martin Gehring
8	Peoria 1st...	J E F Fisher
4	Peoria 2d	David McCulloch
3	Peoria Ardade Ave ...	E B Hazen
5	Peoria, Bethel	W T Johnson
6	Peoria Calvary ..	Peter Huelsebus
1	1st German ..	D H Teessen
4	Peoria, Grace ..	C C Lines
2	Peoria Westminster ..	C R Kuhn
3	Pottstown ...	C. E. Miller
4	Princeville	Byron H Wear
3	Prospect ..	Wm. A Hervey
4	Salem	J. H. Parr
2	Vermont ..	C H Hamilton
4	Washington, I	A Cornelison
8	Yates City, R	J McKeighan

PRESBYTERY OF ROCK RIVER.

No. Elders.	Churches	Clerks.
3	Albany	R E Robinson
7	Aledo	J W Ramsey
5	Alexis..	Alvah Weed
3	Arlington	C A Smith
3	Ashton	O W Griffith
2	Beulah Orion ...	John McCandles
3	Buffalo Pr'rie,	S F Barrows
5	Center Seaton ..	W. J. McIntyre
2	Coal Valley ...	W Adams
8	Dixon	John Laing
3	Edgington ...	Jas. Venable
2	Fulton	J M Fay
2	Franklin Grove..	J Blocker
4	Garden Plain,	A J Stowell
6	Geneseo	W M Small
5	Hamlet, Aledo,	Elisha Lee
2	Keithsburg	
4	Kewanee	C A Brown
2	Ladd	D H Park
3	Milan	G H Honens
5	Millersburg,	G E Thornton
7	Morrison	L E Tuttle
3	Munson,Geneseo,	C E Baird
4	Newton, Erie,	W L Mitchel
5	Norwood Alexis	A M Sharer
5	Peniel, Joy, ..	W M Miller
3	Perryton, Aledo,	Alva Doak
3	Pleasant Ridge Milan ..	Marion Humphrey
5	Princeton .:	C M Priestly
6	Rock Island Broadway,	A H McCandless
6	Rock Island Central	
3	Spring Valley Thomson ..	G W Dumshee
7	Sterling ...	G M Robinson
5	Viola	T F Sexton
7	Woodhull ..	A A Mackey

PRESBYTERY OF SCHUYLER.

No. Elders.	Churches	Clerks.
2	Appanoose Niota	Hugh Jackson
5	Augusta ...	G W Wornam
3	Bardolph ..	E M Knowles
3	Baylis	N L Barnes
3	Bethel Hamilton ...	W R Githen
5	Brooklyn	Jonas King
4	Bushnell	Wm. J Fultz
2	Burton Memorial,	S Bricker

No. Elders.	Churches	Clerks.
2	Camp Creek	
	Pennington P't,	J Campbell Macomb.
2	Camp Point,	E E B Sawyer
9	Carthage ..	..W E Lyon
5	Clayton	A S McDowell
1	Chili	..D G Todd
3	Doddsville	A Harshey
5	Elvaston ..	..S P McGaw
3	Ebenezer	
	Macomb	Robt. McNair
3	Ellington	Harris D Morton Quincy.
1	Fairmount	A L Mart Tempest
5	Fountain Gr'n,	J T Spangler
5	Good Hope ...	P. VanPelt
5	Hersman	G W Means
3	Huntsville	L R King
6	Kirkwood	L E Ohler
3	Liberty	C W Linn
3	Lee	
	Mound Sta.,	G T Jennings
9	Macomb	F R Warren
14	Monmouth	D W Hare
3	New Salem ..	W H Laird
4	Nauvoo 1st,	W M Haggett
4	Mt. Sterling...	F D Crane
4	Olive	
	Mt. Sterling	W B Rigg
4	Oquawka	J W Gordon
2	Perry	Wm H Wilson
3	Pontoosuc ..	David Moyes
1	Plymouth ...	W F Ogilvie
4	Prairie City,	Robt. Burden
5	Quincy 1st ..	S W Phillips
6	Rushville	H B Roach
4	Salem	
	German (Sutter)	
0	Warsaw	
4	Wythe	
	Warsaw	Wm. Gray

PRESBYTERY OF SPRINGFIELD.

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
4	Bates	Wm. Kerr
3	Buffalo H,	J W Richardson
2	Chatham	J V Lattner
7	Decatur ..	E S McLellan
5	Divernon ..	W. L. Tarbet
3	Farmington,	W H Knudson
2	Greenview	Chas. Stone
5	Irish Grove ...	A H Stone
7	Jacksonville	
	State Street	T M Tomlinson
6	Jacksonville	
	Westminster ..	W T Brown
6	Jacksonville	
	Portuguese	E Vasconcellos
6	Lincoln ..	David Gillespie
6	Macon	C T Wells Elwin, Ill.
3	Maroa	J H Sterling
3	Manchester ..	Jas. De Wolf
5	Mason City ..	W I Kincaid
3	Murrayville ..	J C Caldwell
4	North Sangamon	
	Athens	R A Young
1	Pawnee	Harry Furry
5	Petersburg ..	Jacob Bergen
4	Pisgah	
	Orleans	Jas. Holmes
3	Pleasant Plains,	W Hensley
4	Providence	
	Virginia ..	Thos. J Nisbet
9	Springfield 1st..	J P Bryce
7	Springfield 2d..	C G Gray
7	Springfield 3d	W H Hayden
5	Springfield	
	Portuguese	J F Mendonsa
2	Sweetwater,	J W Terhune
3	Unity	
	Woodson ..	Jas. W. Craig
3	Virginia	J J Bergen
2	Williamsville ..	P J Telfer
3	Winchester ..	Frank Mason

VI. REPORT OF WOMAN'S SYNODICAL SOCIETY OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Presbyterian Women of Illinois are putting significant emphasis today upon loyalty. The intentions have been sincere, and our ideals high, but the term seems to have lacked in accuracy to need defining. And the loyalty that is discriminatingly true to its own denominational organiations has been found to be more rare than heart could wish. It was largely this lack that prevented our Board of the Northwest reaching the hundred thousand dollar mark this year. It came within $1500.00 of it as it was. The result shows a decided advance. The Illinois Synodical Society gained in the year ending March 31st, $9,697.69, the total amount given being $42,594.54. While in the six months ending September 20, 1904, the amount received was $25,191.74. Only three of the presbyterial organizations lost in contributions—Alton, Freeport and Rock River, and of these Freeport gave as much, but, owing to a misunderstanding, some of its gifts were sent through other channels.

In membership, reports show a gain in eight Presbyteries, a loss in one, while in two the members remain the same. About one-fourth of the women enrolled in the church membership are connected with missionary organizations. A slight gain is manifested within the past two years, but still there remains a surprising discrepancy between those enrolled as christians and those pledged as well to missionary effort.

The presbyterial meetings of the Spring abounded in zeal and enthusiasm; two of these—Mattoon and Rock River—celebrated their twenty-fifth anniversary, that of Rock River being the more remarkable, because, during that time it had had but the one president—Mrs. J. Ross Mills—whom for her personality as well as her labors abundant, we all delight to honor.

Mission Study Classes are increasing in number and in popularity. The outlook would seem to indicate a desire for more knowledge and accurate information. Certainly the day when a hastily prepared program would do for a missionary meeting has almost entirely disappeared.

During the year Peoria Presbyterial Society has undertaken the support of a new missionary, Miss Gilson, who has gone to Siam, and Chicago has given one of her best young women, Miss Elizabeth Cole, an efficient worker in the Board of the Northwest, to be a foreign missionary, as Mrs. Fleming, at Lahore, India.

The Secretary of Literature reports:

Total number of copies taken of Woman's Work, 1647; total number of copies taken of Over Sea and Land, 869, being a decrease in the circulation of Woman's Work of 39 copies, but an increase in that of Over Sea and Land of 107 copies.

Great encouragement is to be found in the extensive use made of the United Study Course. From reports we find that since the publication of the first book in 1901 the publishers have sold 150,000 copies of these three studies alone, and that 44 Boards are using the material, while each year the sales are increasing. MRS. S. O. LOUGHRIDGE, Cor. Sec.

VII. REPORT OF YOUNG PEOPLES WORK FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Synod of Illinois, October 19, 1904.

"Swiftly, through another year, God has brought us on our way," and as we sum up the work of our young people, we have many proofs of God's blessing. Our faithful ones are going steadily forward, and, as we think of them, we are reminded of that verse which tells us "But the people who do know their God shall be strong and do exploits." Owing to illness, the Synodical Secretary was not able to send out specially prepared blanks, as is her custom, hence the tabulated report, aside from gifts, must be omitted.

Interest seems to be increasing in many places; libraries are growing larger; more monthly missionary meetings are being held and a number of magazines and papers taken. Mattoon has lost three Societies; Schuyler has two new ones; Cairo has lost one and gained one, while Alton reports one new Junior, so we really can claim no advance in number of societies, as our gain only offsets our loss. Societies suffer and are grievously hampered by the removal of workers. Especially is this true in the country and small towns, as our young people are constantly seeking their fortunes elsewhere.

I have in mind one society in particular—in Rock River

Presbytery—formerly flourishing, today numbering four. I judge that these conditions are not common to Illinois alone. Nevertheless, they are to be thought over, prayed over, and, if possible, some remedy found that the cause of the Master may not suffer within our bounds.

Miss Root, of Mattoon Presbytery, writes: "I feel that the field for Foreign Missions is being more faithfully tilled. More interest was taken, and better work done among our young people the past year. May rich 'dews of grace' come upon it and the harvest be glorious." She has suggested "Sunrise in the Sunrise Kingdom" and "Dux Christus" as text books for winter study. Miss Gray, of Schuyler, reports twenty-eight senior and four junior societies, and says: "We think most of our societies are doing well; others are not taking the interest in the work that they should; but we hope for better things next year."

Cairo, through Miss Skinner, sends its usual full and satisfactory report. Every society in the Presbytery heard from, a statement which causes a little envy in the hearts of some of us.

Bloomington. Miss Thompson writes: "I think it only fair to say that the majority of our churches in this Presbytery are located in towns that seem to have come to a standstill, so far as growth is concerned, and the young people move away for business reasons, then, of course, the C. E. Society suffers. Notwithstanding all this, we have two helpful hints from this Presbytery. From Bement: "A Missionary Reading Circle meets every Monday afternoon," at which time the young ladies bring sewing and one of the number reads aloud from some missionary book or magazine. Current missionary news is also called for.

It is of interest to remember that Mr. and Mrs. Allison, who went to Guatemala last year, and Miss Bodman, who sailed about the first of the present month, are all from this church. From Onarga comes this word: "The Chairman of the Missionary Committee divided the Society and a contest was entered into, the members seeing which side could present its field most clearly, etc." This Chairman has succeeded very well in having members study up their own parts.

Freeport sends a cheering report of interest and pledges. Miss Smith, after a year's rest, is again back at her old post as Secretary. We gladly welcome her, remembering her labor of love during the past.

Springfield has a new Secretary in the person of Miss Harriet

Brown, of Decatur, who brings to the work enthusiasm and purpose.

Peoria. Miss Fisher tells us of a "Wonder Bag," prepared by the Societies for Miss Mabel Gilson, of Harvey, who sailed for Siam not long since. It contained a number of dainty and suitable gifts, and with each went a letter of love and appreciation, to cheer Miss Gilson upon her way.

Chicago reports through Miss Khoeler as follows: "Each side of the city is now supplied with an able, earnest Secretary. There is every reason to believe that the work will be carefully looked after, for the Secretary and her assistants have thrown themselves into the work with genuine earnestness." Missionary letters and the literature of the Board are to be circulated as widely as possible, and societies are to be appointed, from time to time, to write to Mr. Bernheisel and Miss Sherman, their missionaries. A statistical blank has been prepared, showing which societies have increased their gifts during the past three years, which have diminished and which, alas, have never given anything whatever. Personal visits are made whenever possible, and the work for the coming winter is very promising.

Alton, Ottawa and Rock River work on as usual, and have no particular thing to report.

There have been some changes in our missionary force. Miss Shaw, so long the representative of Alton, Mattoon and Springfield, resigned last Spring. We were assigned Mrs. Fleming (who sailed for India only last month) in her place, but now, alas, we find that Hyde Park must have Mrs. Fleming so again these three Presbyteries are without a representative. They yield Mrs. Fleming to Hyde Park cordially, since it is a forward step when an individual society adopts its own missionary worker.

Miss Colman, the first C. E. Missionary ever sent out under the Board of the Northwest, and for a number of years one of Chicago's representatives, has had to give up her work in India and stay in America. In her place we have Miss Mary B. Sherman, of Sapporo, Japan.

The Rev. F. O. Johnston, of India, supported by the Clinton Society of Bloomington Presbytery, has, for health reasons, been forced to resign. As yet no one has taken his place. We sever our active relationship with these workers with deep regret. They have been very dear to our hearts, and our prayers follow them still. Mr. McGaw was able to visit and encourage many Societies

in Bloomington and Cairo Presbyteries during the summer, and it was with the deepest interest that the young people of those Presbyteries followed him and his family as they sailed for India last month.

Mr. Garvin, of Chili, asks for Sunday School rolls of illustrated lessons. Any date or theme acceptable. Take notice of that please, societies of Freeport, Ottawa and Peoria.

Mr. Bernheisel and Mrs. Swallen, of Korea; Dr. Blanche Wilson Stead, of Persia; Mr. Hyde and Miss Jenks, of India, write encouragingly from their several fields. Let us remember these workers of ours in prayer more often and with more earnestness, that they may have a stronger sense of our interest and support. They have "gone down," let us see to it that our hands keep firm hold of the ropes.

TABULATED STATEMENT OF OFFERINGS.

Presbytery.	C. E.	Bands, etc.
Alton	$ 97 00	$ 10 00
Bloomington	802 50	103 00
Cairo	138 00	
Chicago	1261 00	809 52
Freeport	279 50	26 43
Mattoon	150 00	20 00
Ottawa	134 00	12 00
Peoria	190 50	224 00
Rock River	135 00	149 50
Schuyler	585 35	30 75
Springfield	176 00	466 40
Total	$3968 85	$1851 60

As we look back over the year's work it seems so small in comparison with what we might have done; just a trifle and yet, we remember that it has been said: "Trifles are often the hinges upon which God swings tremendous events."

Even so may it be.

Respectfully submitted,

FANNY F. CLELAND, Synodical Sec. Young People's Work.

VIII. REPORT OF WOMAN'S SYNODICAL SOCIETY FOR HOME MISSIONS.

The Illinois Woman's Synodical Society for Home Missions respectfully submits the following report for the year ending April 1st, 1904:

Presbytery.	Home Missions.	Freedmen.
Alton	$ 574 02	$ 139 50
Bloomington	2901 93	758 50
Cairo	332 63	169 06
Chicago	8234 37	1982 67
Freeport	972 23	1352 61
Mattoon	684 47	413 43
Ottawa	329 77	236 50
Peoria	1536 50	348 50
Rock River	1107 90	159 79
Schuyler	1143 93	331 07
Springfield	1983 69	647 59
Total	$19801 44	$ 6539 22

This includes the sum of $2,336.17 for the silver offering in honor of the 25th anniversary of the Woman's Home Mission Board. As our apportionment for this purpose was $4,000, it will seem that we did not measure up to our privilege on this occasion. The sums given above are credited to us by the treasurer of the Board, and do not include $695.41 reported for Presbyterial and Synodical contingent fund.

Societies report $1,882.30 as the sum of money actually expended in the preparation and sending of boxes.

Including the silver anniversary offering, all the Presbyterial societies but Chicago gain over the preceding year. But it was the intention that this gift for the Mary E. James school for boys at Santa Fe should be strictly an extra, in no case to lessen the usual contributions for current work. Only five Presbyterial societies—viz: Alton, Mattoon, Peoria, Schuyler and Springfield—were able to do this.

Following is a report for Synodical year for eleven months only, to August 31st, 1904, to correspond with that of Synod's Home Missionary Committee. Since our Presbyterial treasurers

make remittances to N. Y. for 2nd quarter in September, no accurate comparison can be made with the preceding year, which carried to October 1st, 1903.

Receipts of Woman's Board at New York from Illinois.

OCTOBER 1, 1903 TO AUGUST 31, 1904 (11 Months).

Presbyteries.	W. M. S.	Young People	Sunday Schools.	Total, 1903-4.
Synodical	$ 10.00	.....	.....	$ 10.00
Alton	405.11	$ 3.72	$ 3.40	412.23
Bloomington	1,910.66	434.52	88.61	2,433.79
Cairo	182.13	27.50	9.18	218 81
Chicago	5,626.29	716.92	499 64	6,842.85
Freeport	505.21	101.22	33.66	640.09
Mattoon	369.75	22.75	26.59	419.09
Ottawa	345.98	.....	34.19	280.17
Peoria	1.170.25	103.25	32 00	1,305.50
Rock River	626.96	168.70	13.55	809.21
Schuyler	818.74	168.30	29.76	1.016.81
Springfield	1,097.35	303.72	81.63	1,482.70
Total	$13,068.44	$2,050.60	$852.21	$15,871.25

For the year ending April 1st we find a gain of three in the number of societies, and an encouraging gain of nine in the number of contributing Sunday Schools. These sent $965 for support of schools in Alaska.

The Young People's Societies have continued their support of Dr. Jane Harris, in the hospital at San Juan, Porto Rico, and of the evangelistic work assigned them by the Synod.

Our money has gone to the support of schools in Utah, New Mexico, Colorado, North Carolina, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Alaska and Porto Rico. While we do not know the exact number of conversions in these schools especially assigned to our care, we rejoice to claim a share in the nearly twelve hundred in all the schools under the care of the Board who have this year owned allegiance to our Lord Christ.

Our societies seem, for the most part, to be at a stand still. There is little evidence of a consuming realization of the great need in these desert places of our land, nor of any enthusiastic bearing aloft of the standard which betokens advance and victory.

Dr. Campbell, away on lonely St. Lawrence Island, in making his annual report to the Board, writes as follows in the blank space designated for description of repairs needed at the

mission: "Repairs of our broken covenant with our God, when we promised Him our all forever. Restoration of diseased faith. Reclamation of weedy soil, that God may have from our lives the fruitage due His holy name."

Is it only in far away Alaska that these repairs are called for? ALICE J. D. ROBINSON.

IX. SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF FREEDMEN.

Synod of Illinois, October 1903—October 1904.

'Out of the wilderness, out of the night,
Has the black man crawled to the dawn of light:
Beaten by lashes and bound by chains,
A beast of burden with soul and brains,
He has come through sorrow and need and woe,
And the cry of his heart is to know, to know."

In the Freedmen's work no bugle calls for rest. "To the work, to the work, let the hungry be fed." Flash it forth. Speak it out. Live it out in hearty sympathy, generous gifts and earnest prayer for those for whose souls so few feel any personal responsibility. With the comparative pittance contributed to our Freedmen's Board this last year, 97 schools, with nearly 12000 pupils have disseminated not only intellectual and industrial knowledge for this life, but reached hearts and consciences, till nearly 1000 honestly and intelligently swore allegiance for the first time to the King of Kings, and joined our Presbyterian colored churches, to say nothing of other hundreds led to Jesus who joined sister churches. After a very careful and critcal examination of all our mission work in Arkansas and Mississippi, and much elsewhere, this last winter, I am convinced as never before of the need, the inexpressible need of every one of these Christian schools. Yes, the need of many, many more. The colored public schools of the South are doing much, though the term rarely, if ever, exceeds four months out of the twelve, and the teachers are often scarcely able to read or to cipher correctly in multiplication. Let none forget that Southern law permits only colored teachers to teach in colored public schools: that in the whole South there is not a colored High School that grades higher than a good Northern 8th grade, while many so-

called High Schools are not beyond our 5th grade. Each state has one or more colored Agricultural or Normal Schools, but expense of travel and board necessarily limits the patronage where the wages of the average colored man scarcely reach 50 or 60 cents per day, and he board himself and family. Do you wonder that, with very few exceptions, the really reliable leaders of the race and its educators are students or graduates of Mission schools supported by Northern benevolence? It is a rich tribute to Christian education. Could you realize, as I do, the possibilities in our hands as Christian women, and our consequent responsibility, how quickly the Lord's treasure would flow to these "little ones"—our brothers and sisters.

As your Secretary, I do thank you all most heartily for the alacrity with which our Monticello Building Fund was raised this year. Every Society contributing has certainly been greatly blessed, but those Societies (35) that received Mrs. Mebane to their hearts and homes, certainly felt they were peculiarly favored. Her faith and love warmed and stimulated us, while we rejoiced to actually see and hear such fruitage of our own seeding. Personally I wish to thank you for receiving her as one of ourselves. While conscious of working for "her race," she was never made to feel that her color relegated her to the rear. It was an eye-opener to her that white ladies could or would receive a colored lady with such real sisterly grace and love as she found in Illinois. The erection of the building has been delayed by various conditions, so that it is now only fairly under way, but it will be ready this winter. Some more room furnishings will be required than are yet pledged, but will Societies please write me before deciding what they will send, so there will be no surplus of one thing and dearth of another. Please remember this.

Our new work as Societies and Christian Endeavorers for 1904-5 is to be $2000 at least (and $2500 if possible) of the needed $6000 for a new main building at Cotton Plant, Ark. Dear Cotton Plant! The very name brings joy to the hearts of Illinois women, for we built and furnished the present building, and have met the salaries of the teachers all these years. Shall we not reach the full amount—$2500—hoped for? Surely we can if we will. In this department, as in other departments, we must inaugurate a "Forward" movement. Let me beg every Treasurer, local and Presbyterial, of Women's Societies and C. E. Societies, to distinctly designate every remittance intended for this object as "For Building Fund Cotton Plant, Ark." Not merely "For Cotton Plant." This last would cast your gift into

the "running expense" fund and our "Building Fund" would be minus that sum. Don't forget distinct specifications with every remittance. Further, let not one penny be sent for "General Fund" until our full requirement is met. The full history of Cotton Plant was in the September "Freedmen's Bulletin," and the Board issues a briefer resume in leaflet form. Of course, all regularly pledged work, whether salaries or scholarships, are always to be met first. On these we depend for daily needs. Were there time, I should love to tell you of all our Arkansas school work and how greatly God has blessed it; of the need of a fence at Arkadelphia, and how we prayed earnestly, persistently, specifically for "barbed wire money" and appealed directly to nobody but the Lord, and He sent it—sent till there was enough for the farm enclosure and a balance for a good one-horse wagon and some tools; of how an "old horse frame" with life barely left in it, was purchased for a song, wrapped in a blanket, tended and fed, till vitality revived, and pasturage came, and now she is round, plump and full of life, an excellent family animal; that with these physical blessings came also spiritual, culminating at the S. S. convention of the Presbytery, when a number were received into the church. "They that wait upon the Lord, shall always renew their strength."

For the Mary Holmes Seminary, the last year was in many regards its high water mark. Dr. and Mrs. Payne were sorely missed, but the new Pres. and Prin., Rev. J. Stevenson and wife, with the dear faithful Faculty, pushed on to greater and greater attainment. Of the 254 students, at the close, every pupil but six, not professing Christians at coming, went home with a sweet trust in Jesus as her Redeemer. The value of one soul! Who will estimate it for time and eternity? The value of many! Who can? Besides the usual arts of house keeping and home making, carpet weaving, basketry and shoemaking are added industries.

Were we this year, as a Synod, to compare ourselves with others, we might feel quite elated, almost satisfied. For Illinois alone, of them all, made a gain in every Department: Women's Societies, S. S., Y. P. and Bands, both in number of contributors and in amount contributed, as also in legacies from three of our sainted sisters. The total is: Women's Societies (round numbers) $5205; S. S., $566; Y. P. and Bands, $919; special gifts, $605; Legacies, $4290; a grand total from our Women and Y. P. of Illinois for Freedmen, of $11,585. We speak the names of

our dear sisters, Mrs. Susie Harding, of Schuyler, Mrs. Edgington and Mrs. Fleming, of Rock River, with bated breath. We thank God for the lives of such devoted women, precious in His sight, and their works will long follow them. Their legacies were largely for "invested" funds. Nor does the sum above include money raised by Mrs. Mebane on her trip, and which will come in next year's report. But we are thankful to announce that after all expenses were paid, there was a balance of $330.60 credited to Societies, aside from some personal gifts for the Laundry. Are we not thankful? But 'twas only what we ought to have done. "To whom much is given, of them much shall be required."

To every local and Presbyterial worker, we extend a hearty thanks for your cooperation. As your Synodical Secretary, 1165 letters and postals have been written to Societies and C. E's. in the State, and numerous leaflets and circulars, 109 addresses have been made especially in the interests of Freedmen, 48 of them by our dear Mrs. Mebane, and the Bulletin has called regularly at hundreds and hundreds of hearth-stones "a tongue for the dumb and him that hath few helpers." Did it come to your door? If not, it will for a whole year if a dime is left at the Littrature table with your address, or given to me, or sent me at Rockford, Illinois.

The month of December is the "Freedmen's Month" in the churches, and if not before, certainly then will not each sister consider herself a committee of one to consult with her Pastor and Superintendent of Sunday School, and secure, not merely ask, but secure an opportunity for her Sunday School to share intelligently with the little colored children who so need the parochial schools. An instructive, bright exercise, "Black but Comely," will appear in the November Bulletin, suitable for a complete Sunday evening exercise by the Sunday School or C. E., Seniors and Juniors, all ages and classes, have a share. Now, dear friends, I should love to furnish these free, but all my work is voluntary, and there is no profit in the Bulletin to me personally, so I can't send them out in quantities free, but you can have them postpaid for 15 cents per dozen or 75 cents per 100, and no money will be better invested for the cause. Try it either as S. S. or C. E. in your local churches, and soon.

In closing, let us never forget our present pledged work, then the new Cotton Plant building fund; not a brick, board or nail will go into that building until we have gladly shared to "our" amount of our own great blessings; Illinois, so favored by

earth and sky and air, so loyal to country, so vigilant for her own evangelization and sustentation, will surely not be wanting in Cotton Plant's hour of extremity. Anything your Secretary can do at any time to help along will be most gladly done.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY E. HOLMES,

Synodical Secretary of Northwest, Rockford, Ill.

X. WOMEN'S SYNODICAL HOME MISSIONS COMMITTEE. 1903-1904.

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XI. SUMMARY OF WOMAN'S WORK FOR HOME MISSIONS IN THE SYNOD OF ILLINOIS—For the Year Ending March 31, 1904.

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Presbyteries.	Officers.	
	President and Address.	Secretary and Addresses.
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Schuyler	Mrs. J. W. Pugh, Blandinsville	Mrs. J. T. Foster, Monmouth.
Springfield	Mrs. R. G. Wells, Decatur	Mrs. Ensley Moore, Jacksonville.

Number of Societies	319	Amount from various sources	$ 1,033.15
Number of Bands	47	Home Mission Total	27,345.98
Number of Members	7,486	Of this amount for Freedmen	6,462.84
Number of Sabbath Schools Contributing	57	Contingent Fund	695 41
Amount from Societies	$22,138.26	Value of Boxes	5,374.70
Amount from Bands	1,105.54	Money actually expended on Boxes	1,882.30
Amount from Y. P. S. C. E.	1,862 12	Copies of "H. M. M." taken	1642
Amount from Junior C. E.	241.44	Copies of "O. S. and L." taken	841
Amount from Sabbath Schools	965.48		

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O. H. CARMICHAEL.
HUGH JACK.
W. E. DONALDSON.
C. C. MARQUIS.
H. J. BARTON.
DR. H. P. MERRIMAN.
J. D. McCAUGHTRY.
E. M. CLINGAN.

III. THE YOUTH OF THE CHURCH.

SAMUEL W. FINDLEY, Chairman.
JAMES R. SAGER.
L. J. HAWKINS.
S. M. CAMPBELL.
C. C. MILLER, M. D.
RALSA F. MORLEY.
HENRY HEPBURN.
JAMES BENSON.
H. M. MARKLEY.
S. W. HUFFER.
ROBERT CARSON.

IV. HOME MISSIONS.

THOS. D. LOGAN, Chairman.
JOHN A. BLAIR, Sec.
A. R. BICKENBACH, Treas.
ELISHA SAFFORD.
CHAS. S. DAVIES.
WM. P. HOSKEN.
W. H. PENHALLEGON.
EDWARD H. CURTIS.
ALVAN R. MATHES.
BEN EZRA STILES ELY, Jr.
W. V. JEFFRIES.
F. J. TOWER.

V. FOREIGN MISSIONS.

W. S. MARQUIS, Chairman.
W. D. SMITH.
J. M. DUER.
THOS. E. SPILMAN.
JOHN H. BOYD.
W. R. KING.
F. A. HOSMER.
GEO. LOCKHART.
D. T. ROBERTSON.
B. Y. GEORGE.
GEO. C. LENINGTON.

VI. GENERAL CHURCH WORK.

THOS. F. MARSHALL, Chairman.

C. S. ADAMS.
R. M. DILLON.
GEORGE DOUGAN.
JOHN VAN DE ERVE.
JOHN A. TRACY.
D. T. ROBERTSON.
W. I. ALEXANDER.
J. T. FULTON.
W. A. HUTCHISON.
JAMES R. KAYE.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES FOR 1905-1906.

ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING.

REV. GEO. J. E. RICHARDS.
REV. W. S. MARQUIS.
REV. W. E. ARCHIBALD.
PERMANENT CLERK.
E. H. BOTTOME, M. D.
C. R. HANNA.
Elders of East St. Louis.

ON SELECTION OF PERMANENT CLERK.

REV. E. H. CURTIS.
REV. W. E. ARCHIBALD.
ELDER ROBERT WALLACE.

ON INCORPORATION OF SYNOD.

OLIVER S. HOLT.
WM. M. CAMP.
REV. JAMES E. ROGERS.

ON A STATE GOVERNING BOARD.

REV. JOHN H. BOYD.
REV. EDWIN M. CLINGAN.
SAMUEL T. BRUSH.

THE MINUTES OF

THE SYNOD OF ILLINOIS

IN SESSION AT CHAMPAIGN, ILL.,

October 17, 1905.

The Synod of Illinois met according to appointment on October 17th, 1905, in the First Presbyterian Church of Champaign, Illinois, and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, the Rev. Thomas D. Logan, from I Corinthians, 1:27-29. His theme was, "Divine Election vs. Natural Selection." After the sermon the Synod was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, and the Stated Clerk prepared the roll, which is as follows:

THE ROLL OF SYNOD.

ALTON PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—Rev. James R. Sager, W. E. Archibald, W. B. Minton, W. M. Gardner, James M. Duer, Elisha Safford, M. M. Cooper, C. F. Wilson.

Elders—A. E. Wilson, R. S. Reed, Hugh Bickett, W. H. H. West, M. C. Crissey, H. C. Burton.

BLOOMINGTON PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—M. F. Paisley, R. L. MacWherter, E. F. Hoke, R. E. Anderson, Geo. R. Smith, L. K. Grimes, W. D. Smith, Robt. Bradley, H. H. Shawhan, W. A. Mast.

Elders—A. E. Stout, S. M. Clapper, Wm. Maxwell, E. Bigelow, J. A. Montellius, Wm. M. Camp.

CAIRO PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—Geo. J. E. Richards, A. M. Eells, L. J. Hawkins, W. P. Hoskin, C. H. Miller.

Elders—J. B. Maxwell, Geo. Cooper, C. F. Tyson, S. E. Wilson.

CHICAGO PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—Wm. T. Angus, B. S. Bates, Edward H. Curtis, Thomas Dugan, Maurice Grigsby, James M. Eakins, James T. Ford, Moses H. Jackson, L. Finley Laverty, W. S. Plumer Bryan, Wm. W. Johnstone, Alexander Patterson, David A. Newell, Robt. B. McCain, Geo. B. Safford, Wm. I. Stewart, Abram J. Van Page, B. Lewis Hobson, Chas. N. Wilder, Wm. T. Wilcox, Chas. A. Wilson, Emil L. Winterberger, G. P. Williams, Robert Yost, Robert H. Battie, R. D. Harlan, T. R. Quayle, J. A. Vance, R. J. Young, J. A. Gallaher.

Elders—John V. Farwell, Henry R. Corbett, Alexander Maltman, Henry P. Merriman, Chandler P. Beach, Robert Mill, Sherman E. Pate, Edwin W. Hume, Henry H. Troup, Wm. H. Bryant, John Scott, Corydon A. Reed, Edward J. Holden, Chas. Frierstein, George S. Dean, Peter S. Sutcliffe, William Francis, Caleb F. Wright, Thos. Douglas.

FREEPORT PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—M. S. Axtell, H. L. Moore, M. L. Pearson, K. S. Miller, O. R. Newcomb, J. H. Boose.

Elders—Liberty Walkup, Geo. Stanford, John Ross.

MATTOON PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—Wm. W. Wilson, C. L. Overstreet, John A. Tracy, R. F. Morley, O. H. Carmichael, J. A. Blair.

Elders—E. G. Cheatham, W. C. White, E. R. White.

OTTAWA PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—A. R. Bickenbach, George Dunlap, Wm. C. Magner, Theo. H. Allen, R. R. Vanderlippe.

Elders—J. R. Hunt, F. M. Seelye, J. M. Smiley, I. T. Vandoren, Walter Black.

PEORIA PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—J. B. Farrell, J. A. Sankey, F. C. Everitt, Hugh Jack, Ben Y. George, Milton E. Todd, Amos A. Randall.

Elders—Geo. E. Montgomery, John N. Irwin, Willis E. Reed, J. A. Williams, J. S. McKeighan, James Buchanan.

ROCK RIVER PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—W. E. Donaldson, W. V. Jeffries, W. S. Marquis, Wm. C. Crofts, J. B. Howard, C. M. Robb.

Elders—John Watt, Robert Wallace, H. P. Salmon, F. S. Brusso, Elisha Lee, R. M. Wilson.

SCHUYLER PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—J. W. Pugh, A. F. Ernst, S. H. Huffer, W. R. King, F. J. Tower, G. T. Girscell.

Elders—G. W. Means, Josiah Ritchey, C. C. Bissell, G. H. Earhart, C. B. Griffeth.

SPRINGFIELD PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—Wm. H. Penhallegon, Chas. M. Brown, D. G. Carson, W. F. Irwin.

Elders—Geo. B. Hemenway, J. T. Holmes, R. A. Young.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

Rev. James A. Worden, Synod of Pennsylvania.
Rev. W. G. Banker, Synod of Kansas.
Rev. Wilson Phraner, Synod of New York.
Rev. George L. Shearer, Synod of New York.
Rev. James D. Moffat, Synod of Pennsylvania.
Rev. S. C. Dickson, Synod of New York.
Rev. P. V. Jenness, of the Synod of Missouri.
Rev. C. E. Bradt, of the Synod of Kansas.

Rev. William S. Marquis, of the Presbytery of Rock River, was elected Moderator, and the Rev. J. H. Boose, of the Presbytery of Freeport, and the Rev. S. W. Findley, of the Presbytery of Bloomington, were elected Temporary Clerks.

The Committee of Arrangements presented the following printed program for the proceedings of the Synod, which was adopted:

PROGRAM.

Tuesday Evening, October 17, 1905.

7:30 Sermon by the Moderator, Rev. Thos. D. Logan, D. D.
8:30 Synod constituted with prayer.
Roll call.
Election of Moderator and Temporary Clerks.
Adoption of Program.
Report of Committee of Arrangements.

Wednesday Morning, October 18, 1905.

8:30 The Communion of the Lord's Supper.
9:00 Completion of the Roll. Reading Minutes.
Introduction of corresponding members.
Announcement of standing committees.
Records and papers presented and distributed.
Report of Stated Clerk and Treasurer.
9:30 Home Missions.
Report—Rev. Thomas D. Logan, Chairman.
The Finances—Rev. Edwin L. Lord, Treasurer.
Address—Rev. Edgar L. Williams, Superintendent.
Address—Rev. Wilson Phraner, Representative of the Board of Home Missions.
Discussion.
11:30 The Youth of the Church.
Report—Rev. W. Francis Irwin, Chairman.
Address—Rev. James A. Worden, Representative of the Board of Publication and Sunday School Work.
12:20 Report of Committee on Bills and Overtures.
12:30 Miscellaneous Business.
1:00 Recess till 7:30.

Wednesday Evening, October 18, 1905.

7:30 At Champaign.
Address, "The Christian Life and Educated Men"—Rev. James D. Moffatt, D. D., LL. D., President of Washington and Jefferson College.
At Urbana.
Address—Rev. James A. Worden, D. D., LL. D., Philadelphia, Pa.

Thursday Morning, October 19, 1905.

8:30 Prayer and Praise.

9:00 Reports of standing committees.
On Bills and Overtures.
On Judicial Business.
On Minutes of the General Assembly.
On Finance and Treasurer's Accounts.
On Records of Presbyteries.
Next Place of Meeting.

9:30 Christian Education.
Report—Rev. W. S. P. Bryan, Chairman.
Addresses—By Representatives of our Colleges.
Report of Special Committee to State University—Rev. James A. Vance, Chairman.
Discussion.

10:50 Our Educational Institutions.
Report—Rev. W. S. Marquis, Chairman.
Address—Rev. James Stuart Dickson, Representative of College Board.
Discussion.

11:50 Miscellaneous Business.

12:00 Recess.

Thursday Afternoon, October 19, 1905.

1:30 "Ye also helping together by prayer for us."

1:40 General Church Work.
Report—Rev. James Benson, Chairman.
Address—Rev. John H. Boyd.
Address—Mr. W. H. Anderson, Supt. Anti-Saloon League.
Address—Prof. Chas. Scanlon, Representative General Assembly Committee on Temperance.
Discussion.

3:00 Foreign Missions—Rev. W. R. King, presiding.
Devotional, hymn, prayer.
Report—Rev. W. S. Marquis, Chairman.
A Word for Woman's Work.
Messages from the Field.
Rev. Wm. B. Hunt, Pyeng Yang, Korea.
Rev. R. F. Lenington, Florinapolis, Brazil.
A Message from the Board—Rev. C. E. Bradt.

4:00 The Spiritual Life of the Church.
Report—Rev. Frank M. Carson, Chairman.
Address—Rev. James Balcom Shaw, Representative of General Assembly Evangelistic Committee.

4:45. Report of Committe on Attendance and Absence.
Miscellaneous Business.

5:00 Recess.

Thursday Evening, October 19, 1905.

7:30 Service of Praise and Prayer.

8:00 Address at Champaign, "Magnifying the Church"—Rev. Chas. Edwin Bradt, Ph. D.

8:00 Address at Urbana, "The Life That Counts"—Rev. James Balcom Shaw, D. D.

The Committee of Arrangements presented the following order for the administration of the Lord's Supper to-morrow morning, which was adopte::

The Ministers H. H. Shawhan, W. R. King, Elders H. P. Merriman, John Fuller, William M. Camp, A. E. Stout, E. W. Bigelow and Dr. J. B. Maxwell.

The Rev. E. H. Curtis, of Chicago Presbytery, and the Rev. A. F. Ernst, of Schuyler Presbytery, were appointed to convey the congratulations of the Synod to the University of Illinois, in the event of the installation of President R. J. James.

The Rev. W. S. Marquis, of Rock River Presbytery, and the Rev. Joseph A. Vance, of Chicago Presbytery, were appointed to represent the Synod in the Conference on Religious Education at the University of Illinois on Thursday.

The Synod then adjourned with prayer until 8:30 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Wednesday Morning, 8:30 O'clock.

After the administration of the Lord's Supper, in accordance with the arrangements already made, the Synod was convened with prayer by the Moderator. The

roll was completed. The minutes of the last evening's session were read and approved.

Owing to the installation exercises at the University interfering with attendance, the order for the evening session at Urbana, i. e., the address by the Rev. James A. Worden, was cancelled. The Moderator announced the following Standing Committees:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Vice Moderator—GEO. P. WILLIAMS.

BILLS AND OVERTURES.

Rev. Charles M. Robb, Rev. W. E. Archibald, Rev. E. F. Hoke, Rev. W. P. Hoskin, George B. Hemenway, Geo. S. Dean, L. Walkup.

JUDICIAL BUSINESS.

Rev. Wm. W. Johnstone, Rev. W. V. Jeffries, Rev. L. Finley Laverty, Rev. Theo. H. Allen, Wm. M. Camp, J. R. Hunt, Wm. Maxwell.

MINUTES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Rev. A. R. Bickenbach, Rev. Elisha Safford, Rev. D. G. Carson, Edwin W. Hume, W. C. White.

FINANCE AND TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.

Robert Wallace, C. F. Tyson, J. A. Montelius.

ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCE.

Rev. F. J. Tower, Rev. Moses H. Jackson, Rev. K. S. Miller, William H. Bryant, E. G. Cheatham.

Committee on Records of Presbyteries.

Chairman—REV. WILSON E. DONALDSON.

ALTON.

Rev. M. F. Paisley, Rev. R. W. Anderson, S. M. Clapper.

BLOOMINGTON.

Rev. C. H. Miller, Rev. A. M. Eells, George Cooper.

CAIRO.

Rev. Alex. Patterson, Rev. Robert B. McCain, Robert Mill.

CHICAGO.

Rev. H. L. Moore, Rev. M. S. Axtell, Rev. O. R. Newcombe, Elisha Lee.

FREEPORT.

Rev. C. L. Overstreet, Rev. William W. Wilson, E. R. White.

MATTOON.

Rev. W. C. Magner, Rev. B. R. Vanderlippe, F. M. Seelye.

OTTAWA.

Rev. Hugh Jack, Rev. Amos A. Randall, J. A. Williams.

PEORIA.

Rev. J. B. Howard, Rev. William C. Crofts, John Watt.

ROCK RIVER.

Rev. J. W. Pugh, Rev. S. W. Huffer, G. W. Means.

SCHUYLER.

Rev. Chas. M. Brown, Rev. W. F. Irwin, R. A. Young.

SPRINGFIELD.

Rev. W. M. Gardner, Rev. W. B. Minton, R. S. Reed.

The Stated Clerk presented the papers in his hands and they were referred to the appropriate Committees.

The Committee on Old People's Home reported that in view of the fact that the Second Church of Bloomington had opened a home for old ladies, which is open to all Presbyterians over the State, there did not seem to be a necessity for further action by the Synod, and asked that they be discharged.

The report was adopted.

The report of the Stated Clerk was adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF STATED CLERK.

The Stated Clerk respectfully reports:

1. That he has received the reports from the Presbyteries, and recommends that they be placed in the appendix of the Minutes.
2. That he has received the usual reports from the Women's Missionary societies, and recommends that they be printed in the appendix.
3. He recommends that a committee of five be appointed by the Moderator to nominate the Permanent Committees for the ensuing year.

The Stated Clerk presented the report of the Treasurer of the Synod, which was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Committee on Home Missions presented a report through its chairman, the Rev. T. D. Logan, which was received.

The report of the Treasurer of the Home Missions Committee was presented by the Rev. E. L. Lord.

Pending the adoption of these reports, the Rev. Edgar L. Williams, Superintendent of Home Missions for Illinois, and the Rev. Wilson Phraner, of the Home Mission Board, addressed the Synod, after which the Synod united in singing the Doxology.

The reports of the Home Mission Committee were considered *seriatim*, and adopted as a whole, as follows:

REPORT OF HOME MISSIONS.

The general cause of Home Missions throughout the Presbyterian Church, as set forth in the last report of the Board, is in a most encouraging condition. There was an advance of $46,410 in receipts beyond the previous year, the entire sum being $867-016. The Board closed its books with a balance of $4007. Vast as is the sum contributed, it is not commensurate with the work to be done in the more destitute regions in the States and Territories, in Alaska, Cuba and Porto Rico. 1201 missionaries were commissioned by the Board of Home Missions, besides the teachers employed by the Woman's Board. There are constant demands for new work on the advancing frontier, but the expense of the work already underway is so great that but few new enterprises could be undertaken. There is a loud call for a forward movement along all lines. The response of the Women's Societies was prompter and more earnest than that of the Church at large. They raised the splendid sum of $474,839, being an advance of $15,400 over the previous year. The offerings of the Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies to the Board amounted to $95,000. It is gratifying to know that the Women of Illinois have had a large share in this work. They are credited with $30,608, $22,791 of which were for Mission School work. Some of this work is being carried on within our own bounds, Mission Schools being maintained among the foreign speaking population of Chicago at an expense of $6,159. The ladies have also

supplied boxes of clothing to our Illinois missionaries when application was made through the Presbyterial chairmen.

Although administered by a different Board, the work of missions among the colored people comes under the review of this committee. While but few of these can now be called Freedmen, the problem of educating and elevating the negroes is by no means solved, and will not be for many years. Our Church is maintaining 451 laborers, of whom 220 are ordained ministers, supplying 336 Churches and missions. The contributions for the past year were $189,654, being an increase of over $6,000. Of this amount $73,047 came through the Freedman's Department of the Woman's Board of Home Missions. The women of our Synod have taken a deep interest in this work, being credited with $9,088, including a legacy of $2,270. During the eighteen years in which Miss Mary E. Holmes has had charge of this branch, $118,902 have been contributed from the Synod of Illinois. While the work of Home Missions as administered by the Board is vast, its full extent cannot be set forth without a presentation of the work of

Home Missions in the Self-Supporting Synods.

Of these there are eleven, and they constitute the strongest element in the Church, and largest supporters of the Board. While contributing liberally to the general cause throughout the country, these eleven Synods also raised $228,322 to assist in sustaining 972 missionaries in their own bounds, with but slight expense for administration. The conviction is deepening in the minds of those longest engaged in this work that the self-supporting Synods have not received that recognition before the General Assembly which the importance of their fields deserves; and this Synod will be asked to unite with others in an overture to the General Assembly asking that a standing committee on Home Missions in the self-supporting Synods be appointed. It is also proposed to hold a convention of representatives of these Synods at an early date. If the Synod approves, your committee will appoint one of its number to attend such a conference.

Home Missions in the Synod of Illinois.

This has been the most successful of the ten years during which the present plan of administration has been in operation. The advancement will appear when the work of the year is reviewed.

1. Financially. For a detailed statement of the receipts and expenditures you are referred to the very complete, accurate and painstaking tables prepared by the Secretary and Treasurer,

Rev. E. L. Lord. A few general statements will suffice to indicate the progress. The aggregate contributions for Churches and Schools, including individual gifts and legacies, was $81,636. Notwithstanding the increased expenses incident to the employment of a Synodical Superintendent within our own bounds, it is gratifying to report that the overflow from the Synodical Treasury to the Treasury of the Board of Home Missions has been nearly $300 larger than in the previous year. The total contributions for Home Missions reported in the minutes of the General Assembly were $102,542, showing that $38,631 must have been expended for Home Mission work without passing through the Presbyterial or Synodical Treasurers, or the Treasurer of the Board. Much of this amount was expended in the support of missions in connection with Churches in Chicago and in other cities of the State. This is the first year the aggregate contributions to Home Missions in the Synod of Illinois have exceeded $100,000. May they never be less! The increase has been general throughout the Presbyteries. It is to be attributed mainly to a revived interest in the cause, and is encouraging as an indication of what may be done by united effort. In the judgment of your committee the time has come when we ought to appeal directly to individuals as well as to Churches to contribute to the cause of Synodical Home Missions. This was done successfully in the Presbytery of Springfield, an Elder of the Decatur Church having made an offer to contribute an amount equal to any special contributions beyond the usual amount given by the Churches which accepted it. The result was an increase of about $400 in receipts for Home Missions, and a large increase for several other objects. In this connection, your committee urges the Synod to proceed at once to incorporate so that financial officers can be properly bonded, and prepared to receive funds in larger amounts for special objects, and to secure such bequests as may be made.

2. Spiritual. Eleven Churches have reached self-support during the year. 101 missionaries have brought into the communion of the Church 1301 members, an increase of 238. This is a larger average than that of the whole Synod, showing the value of sustained effort in the weaker Churches as a means of reaching the unsaved.

3. Administrative. The work in the Presbytery of Chicago has continued to have the efficient supervision of Rev. George P. Williams, D. D. Three Presbyteries, Bloomington, Cairo and Peoria, have had Pastors-at-large to minister to the weak and vacant Churches. One of these has been employed jointly with the Board of Publication and Sabbath Schools. Their labors

have been effective in strengthening the things that remain, in restoring the waste places of Zion, and in reaching many who are outside of established Church influences. The results have been highly satisfactory, but cannot be tabulated in our general summary.

This is the first complete year during which we have had a Synodical Superintendent, and our experience has fully justified the step taken. Rev. Edgar L. Williams, D. D., has prosecuted the work with energy and efficiency co-operating with the Presbyterial Committes as fully as it was possible for one man to do in so large a territory. In Freeport and Ottawa Presbyteries, he has succeeded in uniting weak fields in the support of pastors at a large saving of expense of Home Mission funds, and in reviving Churches that had been long abandoned. In Springfield and Cairo Presbyteries he has been largely instrumental in the organization of the new Churches of Middletown and Herrin. He has secured funds outside the usual sources equal to half his salary and expenses, which we regard as a remarkable showing for the first year. The financial results would have been much greater if there had been a more general response to his personal appeal for specific objects. The hope of the committee is that as he goes through the State our Superintendent will meet those who are willing to make large individual contributions to such special objects as may present themselves in our enlarging work. The Presbyterians of Illinois are giving large sums to undenominational enterprises, and not a little to those of other denominations. Our own Church has the first claim. Dr. Williams is the accredited agent of the Synod, and as no new work is undertaken without careful consideration by the committee, we feel that his appeals to individuals should meet a liberal and hearty response. We may thus largely increase our income without drawing from the regular contributions of the Churches.

4. Evangelistic. In addition to his regular work, Superintendent Williams has directed a campaign of evangelism, which has not only been the means of reaching large numbers of the unconverted, but has also resulted in strengthening many of the feebler Churches. A contribution of $1000 was received from the General Assembly's Committee on Evangelism on condition that an equal amount be raised within the Synod. By a judicious arrangement of the evangelists the work not only sustained itself, but paid $400 into the general fund of Synodical Missions, although in thirty-four places in which meetings were held, twenty-six were Home Mission fields. Five evangelists were employed for eight months in thirty-four revival meetings. The

numbers of professed conversions have been large, but it is not deemed best to tabulate the results of spiritual effort. The same methods will be followed during the coming year. Reviewing the entire work of Home Missions, the Synod of Illinois has reason to thank God, take courage and move forward.

This closes the second term of service of your chairman. He appreciates highly the co-operation he has received from the entire Synod during the past six years, and feels that the work should now fall into other hands. In accordance with the rules of Synod, the committee has appointed Rev. John Allen Blair secretary and Rev. A. R. Bickenbach treasurer for the next three years.

The adoption of the following resolutions is recommended, together with such others as may suggest themselves to the wisdom of the Synod:

1. Inasmuch as Rev. Edwin Lynde Lord, who has been actively connected with this work since the present plan of administration was begun, is retiring from the dual office of Secretary and Treasurer of the Synodical Home Mission Committee, wherein he has served with great efficiency and faithfulness during the past three years, the Synod takes pleasure in bearing testimony to his devotion to these onerous duties, and assures him of its high sense of appreciation of the faithful services rendered.

2. The churches are urged to give more liberally through the Presbyterial Treasurers in order that the work in the several Presbyteries may be enlarged, and increasing balances remain to be paid into the treasury of the Board of Home Missions.

3. The Synod hereby appoints a committee to be named by the Moderator, with authority to secure a proper incorporation of the Synod of Illinois as soon as practicable.

4. The Committee on Home Missions is authorized to send a delegation, not exceeding two, to the conference of representatives of the Self-supporting Synods, if such conference is agreed upon by five or more of these Synods.

5. Inasmuch as all the contributions for this cause under our system are properly credited to Home Missions, sessions of Churches, in reporting to the General Assembly, are advised not to make any entry in the column "Syn," but to include all their offerings in the first column under "Home Missions."

Stated Clerks of Presbyteries are requested to erase the heading of the second column in sending out their blanks.

6. That a proposed overture to the General Assembly requesting the appointment of a permanent committee on the work

of Home Missions in the Self-Supporting Synods, be referred to the committee on Bills and Overtures.

7. We commend to the careful consideration of the Freedmen's Board the request of the Women's Board of the Synod of Illinois with reference to the use of their money in an attempt to re-establish a school for the teaching of the colored race at Monticello, Arkansas, and ask that in the disposition of the fund in hand due consideration be given to the wishes of the donors.

I. Treasury of the Synodical Committee.

SEPTEMBER 1, 1904, TO SEPTEMBER 15, 1905.

1. RECEIPTS.

Presbyteries—	General Work. Presbyterial Treasurers.	General Work. Churches, S. S., Y. P. S. C. E., &c., Direct.	Synodical Superintendent. Pulpit Supply.	For Evangelistic Work.	For Herrin Building	Total.
Alton			$ 7.75	$ 200.00		$ 207 75
Bloomington	$ 800 00		4.45	83.52	$ 14.30	902 27
Cairo			17.50	235.00	32.32	284 82
Chicago	*1,792.48				66.75	1,859.73
Freeport	**400 00		60.00	77.38	10.00	547.38
Mattoon				312.35		322 35
Ottawa	50.00	†30 00	14.00	118 78	19.00	241.78
Peoria	100.00		118.25	120.00	118.70	446.95
Rock River	200.00		20.00	137.00	8.00	365 00
Schuyler	*			31.33	2.50	33 83
Springfield	*650.00		40.00	75 00		765.00
	§10.96			‡1,000.00		1,010.96
Total, 1905	$4,003 44	$ 30.00	281.95	$2,400.36	$ 272 07	$6,987.82
Total, 1904	2,812.17	3 00				
			Cash on hand Sept. 1, 1904			$ 936.71
						$7,924 53

*$250 was received from Chicago and $200 from Schuyler, too late for this report. These amounts will appear in next year's report. Also $1,200 from Springfield. †Aurora Y. P. S. C. E. for work among foreigners. §Interest on Bank Balances. ‡Grant from General Assembly Evangelistic Committee. **The $5.00 special for Herrin is included in the Herrin column.

2. DISBURSEMENTS

Administration Expenses—Printing	$ 25 00	
Postage, Stationery, Etc	12 21	
Committee Meetings	180.79	$ 218.00
Illinois Work—		
Grants to Presbyteries	400.00	
Synodical Superintendent—Salary and Expenses	1,799.08	
Evangelistic Work	2,005.15	
Church Building at Herrin	96.88	4,301.11
For New York Board—		
Designated by Donor	1,822.48	
Grant by Synod Committee	450.00	2,272.48
Total Disbursements		$ 6,791.59
Cash Balance Sept. 15, 1905		1,132.94
		$7,924.53

II. Treasuries of the Presbyteries.

SEPTEMBER 1, 1904 TO SEPTEMBER 15, 1905.

1. RECEIPTS.

Presbyteries	Chr'ches	Schools	Young People's Societies	Other Sources	Total Gifts	Cash Balance Sept. 1, 1904	Total Credits
Alton	$ 926.75	$ 104.16	$ 95.17	†1.00	$ 1,127.08	$ 375 60	$ 1,502 68
Bloomington	2,401.71	143.35	75.60	.....	2,620.56	51 36	2,671 92
Cairo	1,032.38	18 49	91.40	§15.00	1,157 27	‡692.15	1,849 42
Chicago	*18,296.32	476 96	251.16	§2,845.00	21,869.44	8,570 93	30,440 37
Freeport	1,120 64	165.14	48.34	**3.00	1,337.12	349.37	1,686.49
Mattoon	877 73	7.70	46.96	.....	932.39	260 63	1,193.02
Ottawa	453 30	54.00	53 40	.. ..	560.70	35.48	596 18
Peoria	930 49	21 00	11.00	§149.86	1,112 35	532.42	1,644.77
Reck River	1,159 96	57.53	51 30	†10.00	1,278.79	250 84	1,529.63
Schuyler	1,184.45	142 57	46.00	$2 25	1,375.27	929.98	2,305.25
Springfield	1,685 29	53.46	55.00	**340.00	2,133 75	1,520.93	3,654 68
Total, 1905	$30,069.02	$ 1,244.26	$ 825 33	$ 3,366.11	$35,504.72	$13,569.69	$49,074.41
Total, 1904	28,058 82	1,060.11	843.90	1,977.57	31,940.40	12,385.06	44,325.46

*Chicago reports, April 1, 1904-April 1, 1905.
†Ladies.
§Individuals.
**Interest, &c.
‡Cairo's Cash Balance, 1904, was $292 15. To make the proper balance, the $400 granted by Synodical Committee is included in this column.

2. DISBURSEMENTS.

Presbyteries.	Mission-aries' Salaries	Synod'l Home Mission Treas.	Adminis-trative Expense	Total Expended	Cash Balance Sept. 15, 1905	Total Debits
Alton	$ 1,060.41	....	$ 7 37	$ 1,067.78	$ 434.90	$ 1,502.68
Bloomington	*1,302.82	$ 800.00	22 80	2,125.62	546.30	2,671.92
Cairo	1,182.08	.....	49.56	1,231 64	617.78	1,849.42
Chicago	*20,708.15	1,792.48	763 63	23,264.26	7,176.11	30,440 37
Freeport	613.34	§405.00	54 25	1,092.59	613.90	1,686.49
Mattoon	927 35	....	18 00	945.35	247 67	1,193 02
Ottawa	429.17	50.00	33.84	513.01	83.17	596.18
Peoria	1,431.07	100 00	.....	1,531.07	113.70	1,644.77
Rock River	933.34	200.00	3.75	1,137.09	392.54	1,529.63
Schuyler	1,533 83	....	.....	1,533.83	771.42	2,305.25
Springfield	489 64	650,00	4.45	1,144.09	**2,510.59	3,654.68
Total, 1905	$30,611.20	$3,997.48	$957.65	$35,566.33	$13,508 08	$49,074.41
Total, 1904	27,591.33	2,812.17	752.27	31,155.77	13,169.69	44,326.46

*Includes salaries and expenses of Presbyterial Superintendents and Pastors at Large, &c., expense of Mission stations.
†Chicago sends 10 per cent. of net receipts to New York Board, through the Synodical Treasurer.
§Including $5 00 special for Herrin.
**Too late to include in this report $1,200 of this balance has been forwarded to Synodical Treasurer.

III. Receipts from Illinois by New York Board.

SEPTEMBER 1, 1904, TO SEPTEMBER 1, 1905.

By kindness of Henry C. Olin, Treasurer.

Presbyteries	Through Woman's Boards	Churches, S. S., Y. P. S., etc., direct to N. Y.	‡Synodical Treasurer	Total exclusive of Individuals and Legacies	Living Individuals	Legacies	Total from all sources
Alton	$ 516 99	$ 12 35		$ 529 34	$ 2 00		$ 531 34
Bloomington	2781 59	28 70	$ 163 64	2973 93		$ 200 00	3173 93
Cairo	294 74	8 00		302 74			302 74
Chicago	11430 76	392 47	1792 48	13615 71	32 00	15521 00	29168 71
Freeport	766 88	70 41	81 82	919 11			919 11
Mattoon	699 12	88 40		787 62			787 62
Ottawa	418 42	14 58	40 23	472 23			472 23
Peoria	1410 33	262 70	20 45	1693 48		1446 50	3139 98
Rock River	1120 97	31 12	40 91	1193 00	1400 00		2593 00
Schuyler	1223 27	45 70		1268 97		843 83	2112 80
Springfield	2001 45	71 19	132 95	2205 59	6 00		2211 59
Total 1905	$22664 52	$1025 62	$2272 48	$25961 72	$1440 00	$18011 33	$45413 05
Total 1904	*15871 25	809 46	2212 17	$18892 88	1464 26	13014 19	33371 33

*1903, $19,997.82. §1903, $23,376.97.

‡Chicago sends one-tenth net income to the Board through the Synodical Treasury, Aurora Y. P. S. C. E.; Ottawa Presbytery sent a special offering for work among foreigners. The remaining $450 is divided among the Presbyteries in proportion to gifts of Presbyterial Committees to general fund of Synodical Committee.

IV. Summary of Home Mission Gifts of the Synod of Illinois.

Woman's Board	$22,664.52		
Churches, S. S., Y. P. Soc., &c., Direct to New York Board	1,025 62		
Synodical Treasurer to New York Board	2,272 48		
Total to Board from Agencies of the Church		$25,961 72	
Gifts to Board from living individuals	1,440.00		
Legacies	18,011 33		
Total to Board from individuals		19,451.33	
Total from all sources to Board			$ 45,413.05
*Retained for Presbyterial use		31,507.24	
*Retained for Synodical use		4,715.34	
Total retained for use in Illinois			36,222 58
Total through Presbyteries, Synod & Board			81,635.63
§City and other Missions			38,601.00
Total reported gifts of of Illinois Presbyterians			$120,236.63

§1905, Assembly minutes report $76 628 and $25,915 or $102,543 for Home Missions. At same date Board reports receipts $26,543, and Synod and Presbyteries $36399. Total $63942. The difference, $38,601, is for City and other Missions.

*Amount sent to Synod or Board, deducted from Total Gifts.

V. Missionaries, Contributing Churches, Averages, Etc.

Presbyteries.	Members per Assembly Minutes 1906	Total Gifts Through Synod and Presbyteries	Cents Per Member	Number of Churches	Churches Not Giving	Givers			Aided Churches	Aided Churches Giving	Missionaries
						Churches	S. S.	Y. P. S.			
Alton	5,262	$ 1,334 83	25 4	49	18	31	11	5	12	12	9
Bloomington.	8,290	2,722.83	32.9	35	10	45	12	14	5	5	5
Cairo.....	3,911	1,442.09	36.7	42	9	33	3	14	9	9	9
Chicago	25,323	21,931.69	86.7	93	4	89	16	11	33	33	39
Freeport	5,010	1,504.50	30.0	30	5	25	15	9	4	4	4
Mattoon	4,361	1,254.74	28.9	34	4	30	3	3	8	8	6
Ottawa.....	3,099	752.48	24.3	23	5	18	4	8	3	3	3
Peoria.....	5,891	1,459.30	24 8	36	10	26	2	3	3	2	4
Rock River..	4,854	1,443.79	29.7	35	4	31	5	5	7	7	7
Schuyler.....	5,410	1,409.10	25.9	41	8	33	8	5	13	13	11
Springfield ..	5,915	2,248.75	28.0	33	11	22	4	4	7	7	5
Total.	77,326	$37,504.10	48 6	471	98	383	83	81	104	103	102

The Rev. T. D. Logan was elected Chairman of the Home Missions Committee for the coming three years.

The Rev. S. S. Cryor was excused from attendance upon the Synod upon his request by wire.

The Vice Moderator was called to the Chair.

The Committee on "The Youth of the Church" made report through the Chairman, the Rev. W. Francis Irwin, and after an address by the Rev. James A. Worden, the report was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE YOUTH OF THE CHURCH.

Your committee reiterates the annual complaint. Through the carelessness or indifference of the proper Presbyterial officials, several reports on Young People's Societies and Sunday Schools are missing. In the reports recived the committee finds each chairman complaining of the negligence of individual churches in submitting annual returns. It is very doubtful, therefore, whether any of our statistics are more than mere guesses, or at best approximate estimates.

This Synod has constituted a committee on the Youth of the Church, but it has provided no means so far for the gathering of the combined reports of Young People's Societies and the various branches of the Sunday School. This inadequate communication has been embarrassing.

Among the many kinds of organizations outside of the Sunday School may be mentioned the Y. P. S. C. E., Senior, Inter-

mediate and Junior; Bible classes of various grades; Guilds; King's Daughters; Mission Study Classes, many bearing the names of individuals; Clubs of many kinds; Brotherhoods; Young People's Assemblies; Choral Societies, etc. The reports rarely indicate, except in nomenclature, the particular work of these societies. It is noteworthy, however, that the contributions to Home and Foreign Missions are increasing—a hopeful indication of the growing and intelligent interest of the youth of the church in the primal objects of our faith.

A few churches show flourishing societies, whatever the name may be. But, although it verges on the heretical to question the efficiency or growth of certain organizations, like the Y. P. S. C. E., it is folly to shut our eyes to the direct evidence of the returns and corroboration of the experience of the majority of pastors. We are safe at least in saying that aside from a few well-known exceptions, on the whole the work among the young people's societies is indifferent and frequently aimless. An interesting, and perhaps discouraging item, would be the relative numbers of young men and young women now actively engaged in the Christian Endeavor work. Certainly it is not without value because feminine, but the question naturally arises, "Where are the boys?" True, brotherhoods of different sorts are recruiting and utilizing much of the young manhood of the church. The reports of the past two years, however, show spasmodic efficiency in these clubs.

Your committee urges upon the Synod the great opportunity presented by the Christian Study Course, prepared by our General Assembly's Committee, or some course similar to it. This committee has discovered some curious facts in attempting to introduce the Assembly's Study Course:

1. Young people will join the classes, provided the study will not interfere with the daily school work. The High School curriculum is of much higher importance than any Christian Study Course. In this the youth only reflect the prevailing standard of values. In other words, the training of the public school and college is necessary and vital; special Christian Study is an optional luxury.

2. The ignorance of the average boy or girl in the first principles of doctrine, church history and polity and Biblical facts is lamentable.

3. The hopeful sign in a large class of young men and women—a hunger and thirst after a knowledge of Christian fundamentals.

From the latter encouragement we infer that the apathy of the youth has been more from misdirection or inadequate methods than from anything else. The fault seems to lie, then, at the door of pastors, teachers and parents. The new Study Courses suggest a remedy to every intelligent pastor and layman. It is not a new work that the Assembly's committee is urging upon us, as much as it is the unifying of a work already begun. The committee desires that the work of Christian training as is now being conducted by Christian Endeavor Societies, Young Men's Leagues, Young Women's Missionary Societies, etc., should be unified with the object, as expressed by the committee, of satisfying the need of the church "for lay workers who are trained in matters pertaining to the Bible, Church History, Doctrines, Polity, Missions and Evangelism." As to the definite plan proposed by the Committee, we refer you to the minutes of the last General Assembly, pages 376 and 377.

The reports reaching us on the Sabbath School work are the same as sent to the Board in the Spring. Full statistics may be found in the Minutes. One or two items on this work may be presented to meet an occasional criticism on management and to point a way for more effective work.

The business side of our Board is in a prosperous condition. Mr. John H. Converse is the chairman of the Business Committee, which is composed of some of the leading business men of Philadelphia, who give their valuable time willingly to the promotion of the financial interests of the Board. The net profits last year were $40,000. Two-thirds of the annual profits are given to the missionary work of the Board and one-third is added to the capital. It may be well to call attention to the fact that not a cent of the contributions of churches or individuals is used in the business of the Board; it is all placed in the Missionary fund. Not only is this the case, but, as a matter of fact, the money received from our business profits more than pays the cost of administration, so that every cent contributed is used on the field.

Our missionary work is making encouraging progress, but there are many appeals for Sunday School missionaries and colporteurs which cannot be granted, simply from the lack of necessary funds. Last year $125,150.55 were received from churches, Sunday Schools and individuals, and $26,898 from the business profits of the Board, making $152,048 in all. With this money 143 missionaries and colporteurs were employed and the other missionary operations of the Board were carried forward.

Not only is the Board seeking to organize new Sunday

Schools, it is also earnestly endeavoring to help the Sunday Schools we now have. This is being done in two ways: Dr. J. R. Miller, the Editorial Superintendent, with an able corps of assistants, is preparing the splendid Westminster Lesson Helps and papers. These should be taken by every Presbyterian Sunday School. We are glad to know that more and more of this is being done. In the Springfield Presbytery all of our schools, except one, are thus supplied.

In the re-organization of the work of the Board, Dr. James A. Worden was made Superintendent of Sabbath School Training. It is the intention of the Board to give more prominence hereafter to the work of improving and elevating our Presbyterian Sabbath Schools. To this work Dr. Worden will give his entire attention. It is our hope that the Board may be able to do for our Presbyterian Sabbath Schools what the International Sabbath School Association is doing for Sunday Schools in generl. It is not the intention, however, in any way to antagonize the International Association or to fail to co-operate with it, but rather to work with it and receive its help, while we at the same time, as Presbyterians, endeavor through Presbyterian agencies, to help our own schools.

One plan proposed is the organization of Presbyterial Sabbath School Associations, with the view of stimulating and developing the Sabbath School work in each Presbytery as has been done so successfully in Cincinnati and Baltimore.

Another matter we wish to keep before the church is the formation of teacher training classes in each Sunday School. We will improve our Sunday School work in proportion as we improve the workers in the Sunday School. The teachers need preparation for the important and difficult work committed to them. It is a strange thing that the Presbyterian Church, which has always stood for an educated ministry, should tolerate the unfitness of many of those who are training our future membership. Do we not need a new definition of "minister," or rather remember the old one given by the Lord Jesus? We require the teachers in our public schools to spend years preparing for their work of secular instruction; anybody who volunteers is considered fit to teach the things of God; and the work of the Sunday School teacher is the more important, and at the same time presents greater difficulties. Pastors, sessions and Sunday School superintendents have recognized these facts for a long time, but have not seen clearly how to meet them. By degrees, however, a plan has been devised for preparing teachers for better work. The Board proposes that Sunday School teachers, now

engaged in this work, and Sunday School scholars who are willing to be teachers in the future, be formed into classes and enter upon the study of the facts, truths, principles and methods which will be helpful to them in their work as Sunday School teachers. That is to say, they will learn something of the Bible and its teachings, something of the Sunday School and its methods, something of the principles of teaching and their application, and something of the child and the way to interest, train and develop the children.

To assist in this work of teacher-training, the Board has prepared a course of instruction covering two years, contained in two small volumes. The first volume is of a general nature and deals with such subjects as "The Bible," "Bible History," "Lands of the Bible," "Bible Worship and Customs," "The Sabbath School," "The Teacher," "The Pupil." The second volume is intended more especially for Presbyterians, and treats of "The New Testament," "Church History," "Christian Doctrine," "Winning Souls," "The Church," "Christian Work." Classes should be formed for the study of these lessons to meet during the week, or if this is not practicable, at the same hour as the Sunday School. In case difficulty is found in providing a teacher, the minister will find it the most telling and profitable work of the church if he assumes personal charge of the class.

As an incentive to scholars to take up and faithfully pursue the teacher-training course, many schools have found that an examination upon the studies of the course, with a certificate to those who pass the examination, is of value. The Pennsylvania State Sabbath School Association reports that 766 scholars passed examinations last year and received state diplomas. The Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work has prepared examination papers and will give a certificate to those who pass satisfactory examinations. Further information on this subject will be furnished upon application to the Rev. Dr. James Worden, Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

One new feature of the work, which we would particularly commend to your attention is the effort the Board is making to provide religious papers and other literature for the foreigners in the United States. We find that there is a growing demand for such literature, and it is the desire of the Board to provide it. We also wish to increase our force of colporteurs who are working among the foreign population. I need not dwell upon the importance of this work. Whether we regard the interests of our country, our Church or the Kingdom of our Lord, the demand

is imperative. We estimate that $25,000, in addition to our present receipts, will be needed for this new work.

The whole emphasis of this report in setting forth the new plans of our Board is upon the culture of Christian character. Christian education is the crying need of the Church, and this education must begin in youth. Possibly the woman who left a Christian Church and espoused Christian Science because she was attracted by a doctrine she had never heard before, viz: that "God is Spirit," may be an exaggerated illustration of current ignorance in religious subjects. But no harangue or impassioned sermon is necessary to impress upon this body of the Lord's workers the fact that the crucial point today in our Church's welfare is not only in bringing people to Christ, but also in training them thoroughly in the things of Christ. As a Church believing in a Covenant God, our first business is the care of our children whom we have dedicated to Him in holy baptism, and other children entrusted to us in the agencies of our schools. These other things—like evangelism, home and foreign missions—doubtless ye ought to have done, but have we not left undone many of the vital things which we should have done? The Apostle did not refer exclusively to bread and shoes and clothes when he said that he who did not provide for his own household was worse than an infidel.

And to offset the genial glow produced by bristling statistics, it is well to remember what Drummond said: "What the world wants today is not more of us, but a better brand of us."

Respectfully submitted,

W. FRANCIS IRWIN, Chairman.

The Moderator announced the following Committee to nominate permanent Committees of the Synod:

Rev. Charles N. Wilder, Rev. F. C. Everitt, Rev. George R. Smith, John B. Farrell, H. P. Salmon.

The Committees on Bills and Overtures presented a partial report, referring the paper on vacancies and supplies placed in its hands to the Home Missions Committee, which was approved.

The Rev. George L. Shearer was invited to address the Synod on the work of the "American Tract Society," after which the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, the American Tract Society for 80 years has been a practical illustration of the Federation of Churches, and has

been a most helpful auxiliary to missions at home and abroad in its publishing a large body of Christian literature acceptable to all evangelical churches, and its prosecution of union missionary colportage.

Whereby it is now producing such literature for the immigrants among us and arriving in unprecedented numbers, and for whom literature in many languages is indispensably needed. And,

Whereas, The Society in the preparation of evangelical literature in the vernacular—having issued publications in 161 languages or dialects—has been and is an almost invaluable aid to foreign missions, it is hereby Resolved:

That we most cordially adopt the action of the General Assembly commending this Society, and we earnestly urge that each Presbytery appoint a standing committee on its work, and that the church make an annual offering in its support.

The Rev. Thomas C. Winn, of Peoria Presbytery, Missionary to Japan under the Presbyterian Board, was granted the privileges of the floor.

The minutes of this morning's session were read and approved.

The Committee on Judicial Business reported that the complaint from the Springfield Presbytery, placed in its hands, was in order, and recommended the appointment of a Judicial Commission to issue the case.

The report was adopted and the Moderator announced the following Commission:

Rev. William W. Johnstone, Rev. W. V. Jeffries, Rev. L. Finley Laverty, Rev. Theodore H. Allen, Rev. A. F. Ernst, Rev. B. Y. George, William M. Camp, J. R. Hunt, William Maxwell, C. B. Griffith and C. Y. Reed.

The following is the complaint attested by the Stated Clerk of Springfield Presbytery as duly received by him:

The undersigned, ministers and elders connected with the Presbytery of Springfield, submitting to the jurisdiction of the said Presbytery, and regularly enrolled at the session of the Presbytery held in Woodson, Ill., April 12, 1905, hereby complain to the Synod of Illinois against the action of the said Presbytery in sustaining the Moderator in a decision restricting the sphere of debate on Overture No. 8 from the General Assembly, while the discussion was in progress.

The record of the Presbytery is as follows: "Presbytery then proceeded to consider Overture No. 8, in regard to union with the

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and after discussion answered it in the affirmative by a vote of 18 to 15. Appeal having been taken from the ruling of the Moderator, limiting discussion to the exact wording of the overture, ruling out of order all reference to the doctrines of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church as set forth in their Confession of Faith, and the Presbytery having sustained the Moderator, Rev. T. D. Logan gave notice of complaint to Synod in regard to this action."

Our reasons for this complaint are as follows:

1. Overture No. 8 from the General Assembly on the subject of the union of the Presbyterian and Cumberland Presbyterian Churches could be answered intelligently only after a discussion of the relative doctrinal positions of both Churches.

2. In the discussion preceding the ruling of the Moderator, the main speaker in favor of an affirmative answer to the overture was permitted to canvass the doctrinal attitude of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church; and while the restriction of debate was not made until after the main speech on the negative, this speaker dwelt lightly on the doctrinal aspects, leaving this phase of the question to be more fully discussed by another. As soon as the second speaker on the negative mentioned the doctrinal aspects, he was ruled out of order. Our complaint is that the Presbytery, on a mere point of order, which was not debated, decided its attitude towards one of the most vital issues involved in the plan of union.

3. The Presbytery being nearly evenly divided, the restricting of the sphere of debate, after no restrictions had been placed on the affirmative, was unfair to the opposite side, and may have changed the result.

4. The vote of at least one member of the Presbytery was reversed from the negative to the affirmative by the decision of the Moderator, after being sustained by the Presbytery.

THOS. D. LOGAN.
ROGER F. CRESSEY.
A. J. VEIVA.
D. G. CARSON.
W. I. KINCAID.
JAMES R. KAYE.
GEORGE WHITE.
JAMES E. ROGERS.
J. S. LYMAN.
J. MARSHALL MILLER.
DAVID GILLESPIE.
PAUL HEILIGMAN.

Recess was taken until 7:30 P. M.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 7:30 O'CLOCK.

Synod was opened with devotional exercises, after which the Rev. James D. Moffat delivered an address—"The Christian Life and Educated Men."

The Synod adjourned, with prayer and the apostolic benediction, until 8:30 to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY MORNING, 8:30 O'CLOCK.

Synod met and engaged in devotional exercises.

The session was called to order by the Vice Moderator. The Rev. J. W. Pugh led in prayer.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures presented the following report through its Chairman, the Rev. Charles M. Robb, which together with its overture was adopted as follows:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the answers of the Presbyteries to the Synod's overtures, asking the Presbyteries to re-arrange their permanent committees making them correspond with the permanent committees of Synod, reports that it has canvassed the vote of the Presbyteries and finds it as follows:

Presbyteries voting in the affirmative, five, i. e.—Cairo, Bloomington, Freeport, Mattoon, Peoria.

Negative, five, i. e.—Alton, Ottawa, Rock River, Schuyler, Springfield.

Chicago Presbytery took no action.

Your committee, to whom was referred the answers of the Presbyteries to Synods overture (See Minutes of Synod 1904, page 256,) touching our attitude toward academies, reports that it has canvassed these answers and finds that seven Presbyteries favored the second plan, i. e.—Alton, Chicago, Freeport, Ottawa, Peoria, Rock River, Schuyler.

Springfield favored the first plan and Cairo the third plan.

Bloomington and Mattoon took no action.

Your committee would recommend the adoption of the following overture to General Assembly:

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

Whereas the work of Synodical Sustentation and Missions in eleven self-supporting synods has assumed such importance as to demand greater and more individual attention and considera-

tion in the General Assembly than can be given it as a part of the important and diversified work of the Board of Home Missions committed for review to its respective Standing Committee; therefore:

Resolved: That the Synod of Illinois respectfully overtures your venerable body to order that, at each meeting of the Assembly, a standing committee on Synodical Sustentation and Missions be selected, to which shall be referred, for consideration and report thereon to the General Assembly, the reports of the Permanent Committees on Synodical Sustentation and Missions of the Self-supporting synods.

Adopted by the Synod of Illinois in session at Champaign on the nineteenth day of October, 1905.

GEORGE J. E. RICHARDS, Stated Clerk.

The Finance Committee presented its report through its Chairman, Robert Wallace, which, together with its recommendations, was adopted as follows:

The Finance Committee appointed to examine the report of George J. E. Richards, Treasurer of the Synod of Illinois, would report that we have examined the following reports submitted to us, and vouchers accompanying the same, and have found them to be correct and recommend their approval.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer presents the following report on the Contingent Fund of the Synod from October, 1905, to October, 1906:

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$ 414 93
Interest on deposit	12 07
Women's H. M. Society on programs	1 00
Women's F. M. Society on programs	1 00
Treasurers of Presbyteries	
Alton	49 88
Bloomington	79 83
Cairo	39 48
Chicago	245 24
Freeport	48 78
Mattoon	44 24
Ottawa	30 81

Peoria	57 49
Rock River	47 17
Schuyler	54 45
Springfield	58 47
Total Received	$1184 84

DISBURSEMENTS.

1000 Tabled Receipts	$ 2 75
Programs for 1904	10 00
Programs for 1905	10 00
Janitor for 1905	5 00
Digest	3 50
Three telegrams	80
Large envelopes printed	8 25
Printing 1100 Minutes	153 36
Freight, express and drayage on same	2 15
Stamps on 956 Minutes	28 37
Express	35
Salary Permanent Clerk	75 00
Salary Stated Clerk	250 00
W. S. Marquis for F. M. Committee	25 00
Postage and Stationery	8 61
Express on Minutes, Programs, ets., to Synod	82
Balance in Treasury	600 88
Total	$1184 84

MILEAGE REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1904-1905.

The Treasurer reports the following mileage report for 1904-1905:

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$ 882 74
Women's Certificates	11 00
Jefferson Park Church, Chicago (per W. H. Watt)	4 17
Passenger Association	11 00
Received from Presbyteries	
Alton	49 88
Bloomington	79 83
Cairo	39 48
Chicago	245 24
Freeport	48 78
Mattoon	44 24

Ottawa	30 81
Peoria	57 49
Rock River	47 17
Schuyler	54 45
Springfield	58 47
Total Received	$1664 75

DISBURSEMENTS.

Alton Presbytery, seven delegates	$ 58 94
Bloomington Presbytery, sixteen delegates	98 30
Cairo Presbytery, seven delegates	74 00
Chicago Presbytery, forty-five delegates	270 03
Freeport Presbytery, eleven delegates	44 28
Mattoon Presbytery, eight delegates	60 73
Ottawa Presbytery, eight delegates	30 98
Peoria Presbytery, twelve delegates	37 80
Rock River Presbytery, twelve delegates	22 01
Schuyler Presbytery, twelve delegates	50 51
Springfield Presbytery, six delegates	36 67
Chairmen, two	9 17
Clerk's mileage	10 50
Passenger Agent	30 00
Committee of Arrangements (1904) 3	6 65
Committee of Arrangements (1905) 2	7 13
Balance in Treasury	617 05
Total	$1664 75

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. J. E.RICHARDS, Treasurer.

We would also recommend that the assessment for the coming year shall be for mileage fund 1⅛ cents, contingent fund ⅞ of a cent, total 2 cents. Signed,

ROBERT WALLACE.
JOHN A. MONTELIUS.
C. F. TYSON.

The report of the Committee on Minutes of the General Assembly was adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Minutes of the General Assembly would respectfully report as follows:

1. The records of the Synod of Illinois were approved by the Assembly without exception.

2. The recommendations of the Assembly that Synod appoint committees on college visitation and on evangelistic work, require no action by this Synod, as such work is already provided for.

3. A communication from the Stated Clerk of the Assembly was placed in the committee's hands, in which attention is called to four matters, viz:

1. Its action on Marriage and Divorce.
2. On sustentation.
3. On duty for recognition of and thanksgiving for Reformation blessings.
4. On Plan of Vacancy and Supply.

Your Committee would report that Assembly's action on 1 and 2 does not ask or contemplate action by the Synod, but by Presbyteries.

That the subject of sustentation is referred to Committee considering the work of Ministerial Relief.

That Synod has already referred the subject of Vacancy and Supply to its Home Mission Committee, and no further action is therefore necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

A. R. BICKENBACH.
D. G. CARSON.
ELISHA SAFFORD.
E. W. HUME.
W. C. WHITE.

The selection of the next place of meeting was made the first order of the day following recess.

The Rev. S. L. Divine, having removed from the bounds of the Synod, offered his resignation as Permanent Clerk. The resignation was accepted, to take effect at the close of this Synod.

A Committee of three, with power to act in consultation with the Stated Clerk, was appointed to select a Permanent Clerk, and report to the next meeting of Synod.

The report of Committee on Minutes of Presbyteries was made the second order of the day for the afternoon.

The Commission on Educational Institutions presented report through its Chairman, the Rev. W. S. Marquis. The report, together with its resolutions, was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMISSION ON EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

The Educational Commission was created by the Synod of 1903, to "awaken and stimulate in the hearts of Presbyterians in this Synod a deeper interest in Christian Education and in the Educational Institutions of our Church in this State, and to make an earnest effort to secure funds to the amount of $1,200,000 for the better endowment of these institutions." The Synod of 1904 added to these duties by committing to this Commission "the whole question of the method of religious instruction of our youth, with instructions to report a plan at the next meeting of Synod.

Thus two lines of work have been laid upon your Commission. While kindred, it must be manifest to all that they lie in different spheres—one in the sphere of higher education, and the other in the home and the Church. Either is enough for the best energies of the strongest committee which Synod could muster. We are sure Synod has not forgotten how the plans prepared in 1903-4 for carrying out the first of these duties—the advertisement and better endowment of our educational institutions—were suddenly thwarted by the action of the General Assembly reorganizing the Board of Aid for Colleges and Academies as the College Board, intimating an entirely new policy toward academies. Our plans included academies. Should we push them or drop them? Should we go ahead independently or await the development of the new Board's policy? The last Synod decided that it was the part of wisdom to wait. In the meantime it sent down to the Presbyteries an overture asking the consideration of three possible plans of procedure in reference to Academies, viz:

1. To abandon the establishing of academies.

2. To thoroughly endow and perpetuate those we have, but establish no new ones.

3. To launch out in the establishment of such schools.

Springfield Presbytery voted in favor of the first plan; Alton, Chicago, Freeport, Ottawa, Peoria, Rock River and Schuyler Presbyteries, seven in all, in favor of the second plan; Cairo for the third plan, while Bloomington and Mattoon took no action.

This large majority in favor of plan No. 2, declares most emphatically that it is the desire of the church to see the two academic institutions in this Synod—Geneseo Collegiate Institute in the North and Union Academy in the South—perpetuated and built up into institutions worthy of the church and of the work they were organized to perform.

Not only has the Synod spoken, but the College Board has also clearly defined its policy in regard to academies, in the report of the Standing Committee in the General Assembly. It is outlined in these words:

"Concerning Academies, the policy of the Board is in full accord with the spirit of the Church—co-operation with existing academies in securing funds for current expenses for a term of years, and co-operation in any local movement, so far as possible, in providing for the permanence of academies. At the same time it does not see its way clear at present to encourage a general appeal for the endowment of academies." (Minutes 1905, page 98.)

Thus it will be seen the vote of the Synod and the voice of the College Board are in perfect harmony. The opinion had gone abroad that the Board, and Church at large in the Assembly, intended to abandon academies. This declaration of policy corrects that mistake. It pledges co-operation in securing funds for expenses and in local movements looking toward permanency. It simply says it cannot go out into the Church at large and seek endowment for local academies as for Colleges. This must be the work of Presbytery and Synod and those locally interested. We rejoice to find the mind of the Synod and the Board in harmony upon this subject. It sweeps away all danger of a breach between the policy of this Synod and the Board, and opens the way for a great work in behalf of Christian Education in this Synod.

In view of Synod's express instructions to wait for the crystalization of the Board's policy, and the action of our own Presbyteries, the Commission need scarcely make an apology for inactivity. We have held but two meetings, one December 12, 1904, in Chicago, and one at 8:30 this morning (October 19). Acting upon the permission granted by Synod, the Rev. W. P. Merrill, D. D., of the Sixth Church, Chicago, and the Rev. Edward W. Clippinger of Champaign, were chosen to fill vacancies in the Commission. Desiring to accomplish something for our educational institutions, even though hampered by instructions of delay, the Commission directed the Chairman to revise the literature already prepared, omitting financial features, and the academies, and to publish and distribute 10,000 copies "as soon as the condition of the treasury should warrant." The financial committee was also instructed to send out an appeal to the Presbyteries for funds. The response to this appeal was so meager—owing doubtless to the cloud of uncertainty over the whole subject, that the Chairman was not justified in issuing this litera-

ture. This is all the Commission has done this year toward the first work. It was impossible to act until the Church chose her policy and furnished funds.

The Religious Instruction of Youth.

The second subject submitted to us "the religious instruction of youth," has not been neglected. At the meeting in Chicago a sub-committee was named to take charge of it, consisting of Dr. Henry K. Denlinger, Dr. Arthur M. Little and Dr. W. P. Merrill, with the Chairman of the Cmmission as Chairman. This sub-committee met in Rock Island in March, 1905. The subject demands the labors, not of a little committee, but of a new Westminster Assembly of divines, who shall give years instead of months to its consideration. Since we may not give religious instruction in the Public Schools, it is imperative that we give it in the home and church. This is the truth that needs to be emphasized to both parents and pastors. We cannot use the Public Schools. It would be folly to attempt to establish parochial schools. We must do this all important work in the home and the church. Here we must spare no toil or sacrifice or expense to make the work the very best.

Your Committee believes that we may well give our first effort toward the improvement of religious instruction in the home. We have attempted two things. First, the publication and distribution of an address by Dr. Merrill, entitled "The Child and the Bible." A copy was sent to every pastor in the Synod with an offer to furnish additional copies if he would put them in homes where they might do good. Forty-five pastors, representing some sixty churches, availed themselves of this offer, and we have mailed them 1208 copies in addition to over 400 sent to pastors. Very appreciative letters have been received. Some pastors have carried them to selected homes and made the address the occasion of a personal talk on family religion. If this address reaches a thousand homes and prompts fifty sermons on the subject, our work surely has not been in vain.

In the second place, we labored on the preparation of a little manual for the help of parents in training their children. Not something to supplant Bible or Sunday School lesson or catechisms, but to help in their use. There is a flood of such publications appearing, issued privately, and showing the felt need of something of the kind. We have not matured anything, but we lay before you a few specimen pages for your consideration. We ask Synod to say whether something of this kind is needed,

whether we shall continue labor on it, and if so, to invite suggestion and criticism. So much for our work.

Your Commission has also been considering its position among the reorganized Committees of Synod. We have come to the conclusion that this Commission is an interloper and supernumerary. It was created the same day that Synod adopted the reorganization scheme, and before that scheme was well understood. The dual work assigned to us really belongs to two other Permanent Committees; the first division to the Permanent Committee on Education, and the second division to the Permanent Committee on the Youth of the Church. We, therefore, present a resolution for discontinuance of this Commission and the assignment of its work to the Permanent Committees named.

We also believe that this is a fitting time and place for us, as disciples of the Great Teacher and Presbyterians following a traditional zeal for Christian education, to state principles which give shape to our educational policy, and the objects, which we believe demand immediate endeavor.

I. Principles.

1. We hereby heartily recognize the right and duty of the State to educate the youth of the land for citizenship; and we pledge ourselves to a loyal support of our noble system of State education. We will do all in our power to make it a pure fountain of knowledge and morals.

2. We recognize it as the special privilege and duty of the Church of Christ to impart instruction in religion, and to sanctify all human learning and life with the fear of the Lord. And since we cannot give this instruction in State Schools, we believe it is our most solemn obligation to labor for:

(a) The improvement and increased usefulness of the Sunday School and the religious training of youth in our Christian homes.

(b) The building up within our Synod of a few well-endowed and thoroughly equipped Academies of higher education, which shall be intensely Christian and avowedly Presbyterian, and have for their mission the higher Christian education of youth and the leavening of all education with Christian ideals.

II. Objects of Immediate Endeavor.

In carrying out these principles we consider the following objects to be of the first importance::

1. A Presbyterian House, with student pastor and lecturer on Christianity, where youth attending the University may enjoy instruction in all that pertains to Christianity.

2. The building up of the institutions of higher education which we now have—Lake Forest College, Blackburn College, Illinois College, Geneseo Collegiate Institute, Union Academy.

3. The improvement of religious instruction of youth in the home and the Sunday School.

Resolved, therefore,

1. That we commit objects one and two to our Permanent Committee on Education, discontinuing the Educational Commission, and urge this Committee, working in harmony with the College Board and our Educational Institutions, to vigorously seek the accomplishment of these objects.

3. That we commit object 3 to the Sub-committee of the Educational Commission which has had it in charge the past year, making it, however, a Sub-committee of the Permanent Committee on the Youth of the Church.

The report of the Committee on Christian Education was presented by the Chairman, the Rev. W. S. P. Bryan, and of the Sub-Committee on the State University by the Rev. Hugh Jack.

The reports were received, and pending their adoption, the following addressed the Synod:

On Our Relation to Academies—Dr. W. S. Marquis.

On Work at the State University—Rev. Hugh Jack and Dr. H. P. Merriman.

On Blackburn University—Pres. T. W. Lingle.

On Lake Forest College—Pres. R. D. Harlan.

On Illinois College—Pres. C. H. Rammelkamp.

On McCormick Seminary—Prof. B. L. Hobson.

On the College Board—Rev. Dr. J. S. Dickson, Secretary.

The report, the resolutions of which were adopted as a whole, is as follows:

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The committee on Christian Education would respectfully report that, in co-operation with sub-committees, it has had under its consideration the following subjects which the Synod put into its charge, viz: The various institutions under the care of the Synod, the work of the College Board, Ministerial Education and Religious Work at the State University.

The committee deems it wise to submit first of all the reports of its sub-committees as follows:

Religious Work at the State University.

The committee on Religious Work at the University of Illinois was composed of Revs. Jos. A. Vance, Hugh Jack, John Allan Blair, with Elders H. P. Merriman and George H. How. This committee was appointed by the Synod of Illinois of 1904, in session at Rock Island, and its duties were defined by the resolution of the Committee on Christian Education, under which it was appointed:

"That a committee of five be appointed to co-operate with the Committee on Christian Education, touching the religious work at the State University, and, if the way be clear, to visit the University and the churches at Champaign and Urbana, with a view of determining what definite provision Synod ought to make on behalf of the Presbyterian students there assembled. This committee is authorized to make such temporary arrangements as may seem wise, and is directed to report to Synod on the whole question next year." Minutes of Synod, 1904, p. 252.

In compliance with these directions, the committee was convened by the Chairman at Champaign and Urbana December 12, 1904, at 1:30 p. m. President James and Dean Clark, of the University, and Rev. E. W. Clippinger, pastor of the church at Champaign, and Rev. S. W. Findley, pastor of the church at Urbana, were invited to confer with us. President James kindly invited the entire committee and these resident pastors to lunch with him, and every courtesy was extended and every opportunity possible afforded your committee by these brethren for a careful study of the situation.

Your committee was deeply impressed by the great field for religious work among the students of the University. Here is an institution on which the State has expended millions of dollars, its appropriation for last year alone amounting to one million and three hundred thousand dollars. Its student-body has had an average annual growth during the past ten years of from ten to twenty per cent. It now has between 2500 and 3000 students, and the educational situation makes it a moral certainty that there will before long number 5000. Of the 2600 students in the University last year, 542 came from Presbyterian families, more than twice the number of students enrolled in the denominational schools under Synod's control throughout the State.

Another impression made upon your committee by the study of this situation was the absolute necessity of the Church adjust-

ing itself to changed conditions if we are to meet such a situation as this at the State University. The old method of reaching out for them through a neighborhood church, while better by far than nothing, appears to be insufficient.

Your committee has therefore concluded that in dealing with the situation at the State University some new method must be used that will be adapted to the new situation. The great State University is evidently here to stay, and our people will take advantage of the opportunities which it affords along certain lines and send their sons and daughters to it, whether we deem it wise or not. But on account of the inability of the State University to find a course of religious instruction which will harmonize with the religious views of its heterogeneous constituency, it is possible for the denominational college to supplement this need and use successfully its energy on distinctively religious instruction. The exact manner in which this may best be done can be ascertained, perhaps, only by some experience. It might be done in one of the three ways which have been considered by your committee:

1. The employment of a student-pastor who shall work in conjunction with the pastor or pastors of the local churches.

2. The creation of a personal force by the side of the University which shall combine the work of student-pastor and collegiate instructor.

3. A voluntary offer has come to your committee from one of our Presbyterian elders who is greatly interested in this movement, to give under certain conditions, with which it is very possible for the church to comply, the sum of ten thousand dollars for the furtherance of these plans, or the income of this sum for a period of five years to assist in making the experiment. In view of these things, your committee begs to present to Synod its recommendations.

The Sub-Committee on Blackburn College reports:

Our committee canvassed very thoroughly the situation at Carlinville with reference to Blackburn College. We found the citizens interested to the point of subscribing many thousand dollars this year to aid the college. We found them enthusiastic over the activity now being shown by its Faculty and friends, over the new life added to the teaching force and the good promise of new students. We found also the greatest harmony among local members of the Board. Many improvements and repairs have been made in the college buildings. We believe the college has a mission in its section of the State. The Board has complied

with every requirement of Synod and desires the school to continue as a Presbyterian College. We, therefore, will heartily endorse the school, recognizing Blackburn as a worthy child of much promise, worthy of everything Synod can do to encourage and nurture her to larger usefulness. We find an enrollment this year of 68, 40 in the college and 28 in the academy, an increase of 14 over last year, which is likely to be further enlarged. The faculty numbers 10 members. The funds received from churches amount to $676.00, and conditional subscriptions for endowment amount to $20,000.

Concerning the other institutions within the bounds of the Synod, the visitors to the **McCormick Seminary** say they

"Attended the examination in several departments and found much to commend in soundness of doctrine and broad theological culture, and also the cultivation of the missionary and evangelistic spirit in the Seminary. While there was an insistence upon close attention to the studies of the curriculum, yet encouragement was given for students to engage in religious work, such as presents itself in a great city like Chicago." The committee made special mention of the Senior class in Theology which showed that the students were well trained in the cardinal doctrines of the Gospel.

At Lake Forest there are, not counting the attendance at Ferry Hall and the Academy, 180 college students, of whom 110 are young men between 15 and 20 and who are students for the ministry. Out of the alumni 77 or 32 per cent. have entered the ministry, eight of them missionaries, and four at least of the women graduates have gone to the foreign field. Of 400 men graduate students forty-four have entered the ministry, seven as missionaries.

Illinois College shows an increase from 202 last year to 250, including the academic and other departments. The new president, Dr. Rammelkamp, was for three years professor of history after a wide experience elsewhere. He has been in office now for several months, and the outlook is encouraging.

At Geneseo Collegiate Institute the attendance is about the same as last year, 60 students in all. The work is hampered by uncertainty as to the future policy of the Church concerning academies, but under the circumstances is fairly encouraging.

Union Academy at Anna is making encouraging progress under Prof. McClusky. It has dropped its course of primary instruction, offering now such courses as those in our best High Schools, with more elective studies. The religious influence as

shown in the study of the Scriptures, is marked. Its great need is means, with which to provide better accomodations and facilities.

The overture sent down to the Presbyteries as to the policy to be adopted concerning academies has been answered by seven Presbyteries as in favor of the second alternative, namely:

"To set ourselves to thoroughly endow and perpetuate the academies we have along with the secondary schools connected with our institutions of higher education, but to make it our policy not to establish any others."

This defines the attitude of our Presbyteries toward existing academies, and your committee believes that definite action should be taken accordingly.

The course of modern education has modified, and doubtless will modify still more, the methods of education which have hitherto prevailed in the Church. This is notably true when we take into account the rapid development of the system of public instruction which culminates in the State University and which draws so many of its pupils from the homes of Christian people. All of a sudden, the Church in the middle west has come to realize her duty to her youth in these institutions, and we are doubtless at the beginning of an era of new activity in their behalf.

This new phase of work should not, however, distract us from the task of maintaining those institutions planted and nurtured by the Church for the training of her youth in an education which recognizes that "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." No recent development in state education will justify the Church in surrendering her great function as a teaching body by which she is able to afford a training which the State with its secular limitations cannot give. The Church that makes such a surrender not only puts herself out of touch with Christendom, but is is practising self-extinction. The crying need of the day is for men and women trained in the verities of the Christian faith. Statistics show that the men and the women who are leading the Church in her divine mission today, whether at home or abroad, have for the most part received their training in institutions fostered by the Church, institutions whose numbers are small relatively, but out of whose small numbers the great majority of Christian workers comes. There is no reason to expect any considerable change in this direction arising from any recent modification in educational policy. While, therefore, the Church ought not to expect the State to do her religious work, and while the Church ought to follow with religious privileges her youth who attend State institutions, she should maintain in vigorous

life her own institutions and develop them as the natural and proper places for the training of her youth. This is what every other Christian Church is doing, and it is only reasonable to expect that the Presbyterian Church, while readjusting herself to new conditions, will continue to maintain her historic principles of Christian education.

In ministerial education we are completing this year a decade from the high water mark which was reached in 1896, a decade in which our Synod has considered at great length the claims of this cause. The appended table gives as far as figures can the history of this decade:

Year	Total No. of Candidates	Tot. No. aided by Board of Education	Total in our Synod	Total in our Synod aided by Board of Education	Contributions in our Synod	Appropriat'n to Candidates in our Synod
1896	1508	1037	84	68	$3767	$5183
1897	1433	911	64	53	3264	3075
1898	1161	814	56	41	3108	2930
1899	1115	745	56	39	2764	2815
1900	973	716	50	34	2717	2413
1901	917	600	45	29	2758	2179
1902	810	572	37	23	2812	2280
1903	779	612	39	24	3014	2255
1904	870	608	28	26	2869	2520
1905	896	658	49	41	2864	4015

Our high-water mark as a Church registered 1508 candidates, of which 1037 were under the care of the Board. Our Synod had, at that time, 84 candidates, of whom 68 were under the Board. From that period on the story is one of constant decline until the number shrank to 779 candidates in the Church at large and 28 in the Synod. In every particular, the report this year shows an increase. The total number of candidates is 117 above the minimum; those aided by the Board are 86 above the minimum, while our Synod shows an increse of 12 above the minimum. On the other hand, the contributions of our Synod this year, for the third time in the decade, fall below the amount appropriated for the support of our candidates which, in a Synod like ours, ought not to be. The increase in other directions is a pleasant relief from the monotony of the decline which has characterized this decade and an incentive to renewed efforts to supply the demand for men which comes from every quarter. It is well known that our missionary work, both at home and abroad, is impeded by lack, not of money but of men, and that our only

hope of meeting our obligations to a dying world is in consecrating our young men to the ministry.

In another particular this decade is significant. It has tested our system of ministerial education. Alarmed by the decline, our Synod first instituted an inquiry which led to a thorough investigation by the General Assembly, during which all the current objections to the system were fully considered and the result of which was that, while certain minor changes were made, the system itself was endorsed as well adapted to modern times. It may now be safely assumed that the Church will not countenance any radical departure from her established methods, but will put new life and vigor into those methods. This will appear when our Presbyteries show a new interest in receiving and sustaining candidates, when our institutions of learning show a new zeal in fitting them for the practical work of the ministry and our Churches a new liberality in providing for their support.

The Board of Education has been fostering with great wisdom the new policy of training foreigners for work among the foreigners in our country. Both of our German Seminaries have become polyglot institutions, and men of various nationalities are being trained in them.

Your committee, while presenting this report of progress in its work, is fully aware that it has not come up to the standard set for it by the Synod. It has not been possible to hold a meeting of the committee during the year, and correspondence is unsatisfactory as a method of conducting such business as ours. Only six out of eleven Presbyteries have made report, and these reports have dealt with our work at only one or two points. This is due not to want of interest in the work but to the lack of knowledge as to the functions of the committee. The report now submitted has been under consideration by the committee almost continuously from the time Synod met, but we submit that this time has been insufficient for that matured deliberation which the interests involved demand. The committee is of the opinion that if the cause of Christian Education is to be dealt with effectively in this Synod, it must be along the following lines:

1. The work must be co-ordinated, each phase of it represented on the committee, but each phase considered by the committee as a whole in relation to the other phases. Only in this way can we avoid conflict of interests and reach the highest measure of efficiency.

2. The committee must have opportunity to meet from time to time throughout the year for the consideration of its work.

3. Provision must be made in some way for the travelling expenses of the members. From the experience of the educational commission, we gather that the interest in this work in the Presbyteries is so deep that with proper sanction from the Synod the funds necessary for these expenses will be provided by the Presbytery.

RESOLUTIONS.

I. Work at State University.

1. That Synod take steps to employ immediately a suitable man for religious work among the students of the University of Illinois. His duties shall be to give a course of Biblical instruction to such students as will take it, and, as a student pastor, to bring to bear all possible personal influence for a Christian life upon the individual students.

2. That arrangements be made to establish, at or convenient to the University, a weekly or bi-weekly preaching service, and to secure for it the ablest preachers possible from the Presbyterian pulpit, specially of Illinois, pending the securing of student pastor.

3. We recommend also that your committee on Christian Education be instructed to take steps to secure a fund sufficient for the support of the student-pastor, and to take charge of this whole matter again, with such sub-committees as it may deem necessary.

II. That the Synod, while cordially responsive to every demand to meet the new conditions made by modern education, reaffirms the historic policy of our Church in providing and maintaining colleges in which is afforded, in addition to the secular courses, that religious atmosphere and training which alone can qualify our youth for the service of God in the world, and in accordance with this policy:

1. That, in accordance with the action of the Presbyteries, the Synod will undertake, in connection with the Presbyterial committees, to provide for the endowment of the two Academies now within the bounds of the Synod but for no others.

2. The committee recommends the continuance of the present relation between the Synod and Blackburn University on the basis of the agreement of 1898, which provides for Synodical oversight and endorsement, and the majority of all members of the Board of Trustees of the College shall be members of the Presbyterian Church. And further that the Synod confirm the election of the following Trustees: Messrs. T. C. Loehr, H. H. Montgomery, John Wilson. Further that the Synod endorse the

application of the Trustees of Blackburn College to the College Board of the Presbyterian Church for permission to solicit College Board offerings from churches in the Presbyteries of Alton, Bloomington, Mattoon, Peoria, Schuyler and Springfield.

3. That Synod approves the efforts made by Lake Forest College and by Illinois College to increase their endowment and equipment and commends these institutions very heartily to the liberality of our people.

4. The Synod commends the efforts made by the new College Board to bring before our people the claims of the Christian College upon the Christian Church.

III. That the Synod reaffirms her confidence in the present method of Ministerial Education as approved by our Church, and counsels her ministers that they diligently search out young men for this holy office, her Presbyteries that they exercise care and sympathy in receiving and sustaining candidates, and her churches that they contribute liberally for the support of such candidates as are found, after careful examination, to be unable to complete their course of study without pecuniary assistance.

IV. That the Moderator appoint the committee on Christian Education to consist hereafter of 15 members, every Presbytery having at least one representative; that it shall have under its care the institutions within the bounds of the Synod and the measures for their maintainance and development, the relations of our Synod to the College Board and the Board of Education, the work of raising up and maintaining candidates for the ministry within our bounds and also the plans for religious work the State University. The Committee appointed at this meeting of the Synod shall serve for three years and shall have power to fill vacancies which shall occur between the annual meetings of the Synod, and to appoint special committees for particular work. The Synod recommends to its Presbyteries to contribute their fair share of the necessary expenses of the committee according to the plan proposed by the Educational Commission.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. S. P. BRYAN, Chairman.

By temporary suspension of the rules, Standing Rule No. 10 was amended by adding the following:

"Except that the committee on Christian Education shall have four additional members."

The Moderator announced the following Committees:

Committee to select Permanent Clerk—Rev. E. H. Curtis,

Chicago Presbytery; Rev. W. E. Archibald, Alton Presbytery; Robert Wallace, Rock River Presbytery.

Committee on Incorporation of Synod—Charles S. Holt, Chicago; W. M. Camp, Bement; J. E. Rogers, Springfield.

After prayer, Synod took recess until 1:30 o'clock this afternoon.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 1:30 O'CLOCK.

Synod was called to order at 1:30. The Rev. M. M. Cooper led in prayer.

The roll was called on the question of fixing the next place of meeting, and East St. Louis was chosen.

E. H. Bottome M. D. and C. R. Hanna were appointed on the Committee of Arrangements for the next meeting of Synod.

The report of the Committee on General Church Work was presented by the Chairman, Rev. James Benson. The report was received and, pending further action, Elder H. P. Ferris, representing the Assembly's Committee on Temperance, Attorney J. H. Burke, of the Anti-Saloon League, and the Rev. John H. Boyd addressed the Synod.

The time was extended five minutes, after which the report, with recommendations, was adopted as a whole, as follows:

Mr. Moderator and Brethren:—

Your Committee on General Church Work hope to leave a definite impression on your minds, not so much by way of report as by the speakers on a very vital theme. Before we listen to them, however, we consider it necessary to call the attention of Synod to the work of the Board of Ministerial Relief.

It is to our credit as a Synod that this Board, whose work ought to appeal to our tenderest sympathies, has this last year received better treatment at our hands than heretofore. But, in spite of the increaese of our gifts, our account for the year still stands over $7000 to our debt. While we have paid $5899 into the Board's treasury, we have drawn from it $13,150! It seems almost incredible that 36 per cent. of the Synod's churches have been so insensible to the picture of these helpless and impoverished veterans, their wives and children, as to give nothing for their support at all.

It is well that we should be aggressive, and contribute generously for munitions of war, but it is our shame if we forget these men who pushed the battle line forward in other days.

We recommend to your attention the plan prepared by General Assembly's special Committee on Sustentation, approved at Winona this year, viz:

(a) That churches paying salaries of $800 or less shall give 10 cents per member.

(b) That churches paying salaries of $800 to $1200 shall give 15 cents per member.

(c) That churches paying salaries of over $1200 shall give 15 cents per member, and add one per cent., on the salaries of their ministers.

And now before introducing the speakers on our program, a word must be said about the subject they are to present. It is not too much to say that we in Illinois have reached a crisis in our Temperance Reform work. We have made progress which four years ago would not have been thought possible. We have advanced from principles and platitudes to a working plan on which practically all temperance forces have united. Public conscience has been aroused. The strength of Christian sentiment has been so well developed as to put positive hope of victory in the fearful and unbelieving. More remarkable than all is the fact that even in Illinois, and only our second attempt in the legislature, we were almost successful in passing our measure.

Nevertheless, we are in a critical situation—lest we shall now relax our vigilance in the interim before the next election campaign, while the enemy is sleeplessly active and desperately generous with both voice and money. The last meeting of the Illinois Liquor Dealers' Protective Association in Peoria leaves no doubt as to the opinion the liquor interests have of our strength. They believe they have aroused Leviathan, and are preparing for his destruction.

Our policy in Illinois is therefore clear, to push the Federated Movement of the Churches, through our agents, the Anti-Saloon League, until we have secured our Local Option Bill—to prove to be Leviathan, invincible with the might of right.

We submit the following Resolutions:

Resolved: That we view with satisfaction the aggressive forward work of our workers in the Anti-Saloon League during the past year in the determined fight against the common enemy, and assure them as a Synod of our hearty accord and co-operation to the immediate end of the enactment into law of a comprehensive and operative Local Option Bill.

We recommend that the governing board of the Anti-Saloon League for the Presbyterian Church in Illinois, consisting of Rev. John H. Boyd, Rev. Edwin M. Clingan and Elder Samuel T. Brush, be re-appointed for three years.

The following resolution was adopted by a rising vote:

Inasmuch as a syndicate of gamblers have recently attempted to re-invade the State of Illinois, and inflict upon it the running meet with all its attendant infamy, it being as at present conducted, nothing more than a great gambling machine, and this having been attempted at Libertyville, in the northern part of the State,

That, Whereas Gov. Deneen, when appealed to, promptly crushed the gamblers' hopes;

Be it resolved, That the best thanks of the Synod of Illinois of the Presbyterian Church be given to Gov. Deneen for the prompt manner in which he saved the town and preserved the State from all the evils of the running meet.

The Moderator announced the following as members of the Committee on Education:

E. W. Holler, E. W. Clippinger, J. E. Craighead, W. S. P. Bryan, J. H. Boose, O. H. Carmichael, Hugh Jack, W. E. Donaldson, W. R. King, C. M. Brown, J. D. McCaughtry, E. M. Clingan, Dr. H. P. Merriman, H. J. Barton, C. C. Marquis.

Before considering the report on Foreign Missions, Rev. T. C. Winn, of Osaka, Japan, led the Synod in prayer.

The Committee on Foreign Missions presented its report through its Chairman, Rev. W. S. Marquis, and Rev. C. E. Bradt, of Synod of Kansas, was invited to sit as corresponding member, and the Rev. Wm. B. Hunt, of Corea, and Rev. C. E. Bradt addressed the Synod. After which the report, with resolutions, was adopted as a whole, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee rejoices to report that last year was another year of advance in the work of this Synod for the cause of the world's evangelization.

The statistical table herewith presented shows that we sent to our Board of Foreign Missions the sum of $81,760, the largest sum we have ever contributed to its work, and an increase of $12,898 over last year.

STATISTICS OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.

YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1905.

PRESBYTERY.	Number of Churches.	No Offerings Reported.	Members.	AMOUNT CONTRIBUTED TO THE BOARD BY								Amount Reported in Assembly Minutes.		
				Churches.	Sunday Schools.	Y. P. Societies.	Women's Societies.	Total.	Gain.	Loss.	Average.		Gain.	Loss.
Alton	49	10	5,262	$1,470	$ 214	$ 80	$ 586	$ 2,350	$ 658	.....	$ .44	$ 2,451	$ 681	.....
Bloomington	55	10	8,290	3,080	279	891	3,143	7,393	213	.....	.89	7,127	992	.....
Cairo	42	12	3,911	715	145	137	564	1,561	340	.....	.39	1,994	850	.....
Chicago	93	3	25,323	13,423	1,260	1,873	31,243	47,799	10,522	.....	1.89	35,904	455	.....
Freeport	30	3	5,010	1,964	218	318	1,122	3,622	617	.....	.72	3,309	.....	152
Mattoon	34	3	4 361	548	55	85	1,120	1,808	.....	140	.41	1,802	.....	112
Ottawa	23	3	3,099	330	68	115	804	1,317	119	.....	.42	1,331	114	.....
Peoria	36	6	5,891	2,635	149	193	1,810	4,787	757	.....	.81	4,490	363	.....
Rock River	35	1	4,854	1,872	118	409	999	3,398	220	.....	.70	4,555	963	.....
Schuyler	41	5	5,410	1,603	199	723	1,202	3,727	.....	207	.70	3,696	.....	305
Springfield	31	5	5,915	1,559	160	149	2,130	3,998	.....	201	.67	4,824	234	.....
Total 1905	471	61	77,326	29,199	2,865	4,973	44,723	81,760	13,446	548	1.05	71,483	4,652	569
Total 1904	467	63	75,584	24,938	3,035	4,791	36,098	68,862	9,226	725	.91	67,494	5,023	3,633
Gain	4	...	1,742	4,261	.....	182	8,625	12,898	4,220	.....	.14	3,989	.....	.....
Loss	.....	2	.....	.....	170	.....	.....	.....	.....	177	.....	.....	.....	.....

This goodly sum came from the following sources, the zealous women leading as usual:

Women's Societies	$44,723, a gain of	$8,625
Church Offerings	29,199, a gain of	4,261
Young People's Societies	4,973, a gain of	182
Sunday Schools	2,865, a loss of	170

While Chicago Presbytery leads in this advance with a gain of $10,522, (of which more than $9,000 should be credited to her Women's Societies), it is a healthy sign to note that every Presbytery in the Synod, but three, contributed to this increase, and 410 Churches out of 471 are in the contributing column. The per capita gift to the Board was $1.05, fourteen points above last year. This is the first time since 1893 that it has passed the dollar line, and the second year that we have made a substantial advance. Let us give thanks to God, and keep it up.

These encouraging facts and figures lead us to believe that the "Forward Movement" idea is really taking hold of the conscience of the Church. That Mr. McConaughy's campaigns and the "Parish Abroad" plan proposed by the Board are getting hold of the men of the Church, as the Women's Societies have been getting hold of the women of the Church, and arousing them to take hold of this world-conquest for Christ with business methods and enthusiasm.

Your Committee is emboldened to come before you, therefore, with a plan for a Fall and Winter campaign. A campaign which shall undertake something definite; something rational and within reach. It is

A Parish Abroad Subscription Campaign.

Object—To raise $115,989 for the Board of Foreign Missions by April 30, 1906.

Method—The use of a subscription blank in making out offerings to Missions. The adoption of a Parish Abroad by individuals, churches and groups of churches.

Motto—"The love of Christ constraineth me."

This campaign was outlined at a confernce held by your Committee in the Second Church, Bloomington, September 5th, which was attended by Dr. C. E. Bradt, Field Secretary of the Board for the Central District, and eight Presbyterial chairmen. That Conference was made possible by the allowance of $25.00 which the last Synod voted for the expenses of this Committee.

We thank Synod for it and believe it will prove a wise expenditure. We were led to propose this campaign by the following facts:

1. The Board of Foreign Missions imperatively needs, and asks, for $1,500,000 for the work of this year.

2. The General Assembly approved this request.

3. To raise that amount will require an offering of $1.50 from every communicant.

4. It means that the Synod of Illinois, with 77,326 members, should raise at least $115,989—an advance of $34,229 over last year.

The fact is, this strong Synod ought to give more than $1.50 per capita. Face that word "Ought" and you will hear it say somewhat sternly, "When the Presbyterian Church in Illinois can spend $13.00 per capita for congregational expenses, and $5.35 more per capita for work in the home land, it can afford to give at least $5.00 per capita for the work abroad." May the Spirit of God inoculate us with this more worthy conception of the magnitude of work.

Our Board estimates that at least 100,000,000 souls of the heathen world have been entrusted to the Presbyterian Church to evangelize. Send one missionary to every 50,000 of these and it would require 2,000 missionaries, instead of the 858 we now have in the field. To maintain this number and support their work would cost not less than four or five million dollars, or an average of four or five dollars from every communicant.

This is what we OUGHT to do. It is easily within the possibilities. One cent a day from each communicant now on our roll would return $4,072,066. Therefore, this "Parish Abroad Subscription Campaign" for $115,989, is only a very modest step toward the real obligation that rests upon us.

Some steps have been already taken toward concentrating our strength for this campaign. Resolutions prepared by the Synodical Conference at Bloomington were presented at nearly every fall meeting of Presbytery, and in substance adopted. The vital points in these resolutions were "A campaign for $115,000. by April 30, 1906;" "The Subscription Plan," for raising it; "An average offering of $1.50 per member." In keeping with these Resolutions, many Presbyteries have set before themselves definite amounts:

Alton, $4,000; Chicago has not yet acted, but the committee will propose to the Presbytery $50,000; Freeport, $7,350; Mattoon, $3,000; Ottawa, $4,648; Peoria, $8,800; Rock River, $7,281; Springfield, $8,875.

If these eight Presbyteries can reach these figures, it means more than $93,000 of the $115,000 we hope to secure.

Other evidences of aroused enthusiasm are the very general approval of the "Subscription Plan," the voting of money to Presbyterial committees to carry on this campaign. Freeport gives its committee one-half cent per member for this purpose. Rock River says, "Bring in your bill;" Springfield, "We will help share the cost of the campaign." This kind of talk puts obligation upon a committee, conscience and power into its hands. Cairo Presbytery is preparing the way even now by sending one of its sons, Rev. Wallace Faris, a missionary on furlough, through her churches, and Schuyler is planning for a great rally at Monmouth in the Spring.

The Women's Societies, Young People's Societies and Sunday Schools have been formally invited in many Presbyteries to take part in this campaign, and may be counted on for hearty co-operation. We, therefore, come to Synod with the following resolutions, asking it to give the impetus of its enthusiastic approval to the Foreign Mission campaign for 1905 and 1906:

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That we pledge ourselves as a Synod to make an honest, united effort to raise $115,989 for the Board of Foreign Missions before April 30, 1906.

2. That we most cordially recommend to individuals, churches and groups of churches, the "Parish Abroad" plan, which the Board is offering to the Church as the most practical method to effect "a forward movement."

3. That we urge upon all our churches which are not already using some subscription plan in taking the foreign mission offering, the use, at least this year of the subscription blank prepared for this Campaign by the Synodical Committee.

4. That we commend the "Mission Study Class" as a delightful means of education in Missions and a splendid method for intellectual and social fellowship in the Church.

5. That your Committee on Foreign Missions be granted $50.00 to carry out this campaign.

An offering of $61.62 was taken to cover the campaign proposed by the Committee on Foreign Missions.

The Rev. W. S. Marquis was re-elected Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Missions for three years.

On invitation, Dr. Mary Bradford addressed the Synod on Mission work in Persia.

The time for the order of the day having arrived, the Rev. Frank M. Carson, of Chicago, read the following narrative of the spiritual condition of the Church, which was approved:

REPORT ON THE SPIRITUAL LIFE OF THE CHURCH.

Once a year we meet somewhere in Illinois, and, looking the whole Church of the State and the whole state of the Church in the face, we say, "How are you?" This is no mere act of courtesy. Back of it is solicitude and thoughtful concern, and upon the answer to our question hinges the heartbeat and the hope of the whole Synod. "The Annual Narrative of the State of Religion," to quote the exact title of the document, is not usually looked upon as one of the thrilling and inspirational features of the docket. It is sometimes endured, sometimes pitied; but rarely embraced. Our Synod has improved on the title in denoting a Report on the "Spiritual Life of the Church."

One restless soul in the Empire State makes a righteous plea for an improvement in the manner and method of presenting the Narrative to the General Assembly and remarks that "Our present nearly worthless Presbyterial and Synodical narratives might be improved in some similar way." His complaint is that the narrative at the Assembly is tucked off in a little corner of the docket as though it were not worth much any way, whereas he would make it one of the prominent and painstaken features of all the days—a document to go forth kindling enthusiasm and prompting many prayers.

Surely it is a searching and a mightily pertinent question the Church is asked when inquiry is made as to its health. The Apostolic Church in Asia Minor were not wholly without blemish, if you recall the opening chapters of the Apocalypse. Lament was uttered that Ephesus had left her first love; that Pergamum had them that held the doctrine of Balaam who taught Balak to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel; that Thyatira suffered a woman who called herself a prophetess to teach that there is no sin where God had said there is sin; that Sardis lived and was dead; that Laodicea boasted of her wealth but knew not that she was wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked; yes, that she was just what you have been saying about your own churches—"indifferent," "lukewarm." We can hardly talk about "the good old times" then, after all, for way back there in the beginning, before the last of the twelve apostles joined his Lord, things looked somewhat shaky for the permanent

establishment of the Church. Those were days of Church Unity too, when they were all Presbyterians. That first synodical report for the District of Asia Minor had no figures in it, but it was full of expressions which must have been like firebrands in the conscience of the local organizations. Listen now. One church was told that Satan dwelt among them; another church was threatened with removal absolutely unless it repented; still another was told that it was dead; and that prosperous, self-satisfied Laodicean Church that met all its financial responsibilities so promptly, was put down as nearly good for nothing.

Your narrator can hardly hope to escape the demand for figures today. The questions "how much," "how many," "how often" seem to be staring us in the face, and you have a right to put your finger on the pulse-beat and count them. I will not take the whole forty-two questions seriatim and read you a regular thunder-shower of answers, though that might secure for me the coveted action of Synod ordering a steady succession in the brilliant array of compilers of the Presbyterial narratives. The benefits derived from the annual perusal of these variagated documents should not, even in these day of monopolies, be bestowed upon any single author.

Well, then, brethren, what of the night? Is the day dawning? Are there signs of the coming of the King? If a voice is heard in the land, what speaks it? I answer in a word: The wheat and the tares still abide; the enemy is still at the gates; nevertheless, the coming of the King is as sure as the promises of God.

Of organization, of machinery, there is no dearth in the churches. Young and old, male and female, missionary and church-aid, all of them have their being for better, for worse. Societies of men within the churches are comparatively new. In some quarters they have proved really a benefit, and in all quarters are they recognized as full of potency for good if kept on the right lines and under wise leadership. The magic word "brotherhood" which binds thousands together outside the church has its primordial right within the ranks of Christians. There has doubtless been too much of the cold storage atmosphere in some churches and nothing warms things up like the love of Christ in your heart for your fellowmen. Some of the historic movements of the universal church have found their impetus in the banding of men in a common cause. Christianity is not a religion for women and children alone. Its virility is finding expression in the lives of some of our National leaders today. Theodore Roosevelt and William Travers Jerome and Joseph Folk are conspic-

uous among those who would do justly and love mercy at any cost. If merchants' clubs and various other orders are strengthening their cords around the tent of our public life, let us have companies of strong men within the churches who shall get together in the splendid purpose of lifting men up and cheering men on in the battle of life. Chicago reports 43 men's societies. Twenty-eight of these report a membership of over 2000. Mattoon Presbytery has four societies for men and Alton has three. Go to work on this line, brethren, and let men recognize increasingly their proper part in the great responsibility of laboring to bring the world to Christ.

Women's societies abound everywhere and are effective in sustaining the finances and the missionary activities of many a church that would otherwise have to close its doors. It is the women who not only do the work, but it is they who do the praying too, thus fulfilling the behest of the Apostle James. God bless the Presbyterian women of Illinois! On their heart rests the cause of world-wide missions. Their hands are never idle when work is to be done for the struggling church that is facing debt and discouragement. Young people's societies are quite general, though there is not an expression of entire satisfaction in the work, for one Presbyterian tells of the "general complaint coming from all quarters that it is hard to hold the young people."

Sabbath Schools live in connection with most of the churches and are a fruitful source of additions to the church membership. The Shorter Catechism is taught in about one-fourth of the schools. Teachers' meetings are the exception rather than the rule. The Presbytery of Cairo records only four schools as holding teachers' meetings, though two of the churches in this Presbytery use the Sabbath School Lessons as the topic for study in the weekly Prayer-meeting. In Chicago 47 out of the 81 schools reporting, speak of their Teachers' Study Classes. The Westminister helps are almost universally adopted, with a few taking up Cook's publications, and in Freeport Presbytery three schools have the Blakeslee Series of lessons.

The Prayer-meeting has gained in its hold upon the membership in Schuyler Presbytery, one in eight being reported present at the mid-week service, while a year ago the figures showed but one in fifteen in attendance. The average proportion is one in ten. It were too long a task just now to discuss the problem of the Prayer-meeting. It ought to be the one hour of the workaday week full of inspiration and strength and peace. We know of one pastor who filled his assembly-room week after week by presenting a regular course of Bible study, doing the work well.

The problem is still before us. Few have solved it to their satisfaction. Is it for the most part only a reflection of the light that is in the lives of the people? Is the public Prayer-meeting so often impotent because the private Prayer-meeting of the soul with God is so fitful and listless? We venture no sweeping statements. Only the great Searcher of hearts knoweth this. It would seem as though the heart that is aglow with the love of Christ could not stay away from the place of prayer and praise and meditation.

Do you ask about additions to the churches in the past year? One presbytery tells us of a net gain of only five. Freeport records a total membership of 5010 and a gross gain of 316. Out of 5000 there has been a Gideon's band at work and each man has brought in one. What have the 4700 others been doing? What have you been doing to turn one life toward the light? But let me not omit the glad record of revival coming from some quarters. Alton Presbytery tells of twenty churches reporting special efforts looking to revival. These are the phrases expressing the activities of some churches: "Great revival;" "Large additions;" "Quickened life." Freeport bears witness to nine churches sustaining special interests. Mattoon Presbytery counts seven churches enjoying refreshing from above. In Springfield Presbytery ten churches have held revival meetings. The general tone is one of hopefulness. The year has been one of earnest effort in many quarters. Let us thank God and take courage. What has been manifested in the little land of Wales may be duplicated wherever the Holy Spirit of God is devoutly sought. Without committee, without trained evangelists, without the usual human machinery, the masses were stirred and the strongholds of Satan trembled while all the world wondered. God grant us similar manifestations of his Spirit's presence and power within the bounds of Illinois!

"Hindrances." Oh, yes, plenty of them. Here are some of them as written down in the Presbyterial reports: "The worldliness of elders;" "Exalting irreligious men to office;" "Sunday pleasures;" "Clubs;" "Saloons;" "Indifference;" "Vacancy of pulpit;" "dancing;" "Removals:" "Lack of loyalty to our denomination." Schuyler Presbytery complains that more churches than usual are meeting with difficulty in having no pastor. They also speak of "Sabbath day visiting" as a hindrance to religious work. "People are content," says one report, "to follow the path of least resistance." Freeport remarks, "We simply have to fight the Devil;" Chicago says, "The majority move the first of May;"

Springfield Presbytery observes that there is need of more loyalty to God's Word, God's Day and God's House.

Brethren, if the churches of Asia Minor in the beginning were urged to "repent," may not we of the Twentieth Century listen to those burning words spoken to the First Century Christians? "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." Let us put on the whole armor of God and go forward. If God be for us who can be against us! Let us be strong and of a good courage; let us not be dismayed, neither let us be afraid, for the Lord our God is with us whithersoever we go.

Your Committee does not desire to present any recommendation; but, grateful for the gracious revivals which have stirred the churches, would earnestly express the hope that the coming year may witness a quickening of the Spirit's work in yet other centers and that He who walketh among the golden candlesticks and holdeth the stars in his right hand may rejoice in seeing a great host of names written in the pages of the Lamb's Book of Life.

FRANK M. CARSON,
Chairman.

The Rev. John Balcom Shaw, representative of the Evangelistic Committee of the General Assembly, addressed the Synod, after which Rev. F. M. Carson led in prayer.

Rev. A. R. Bickenbach, Rev. B. Y. George and Rev. W. V. Jeffries were appointed Committee on Resolutions.

The following resolution was adopted by a rising vote:

"Synod having heard of the serious illness of the Rev. S. H. Hyde, a former Moderator, and for many years Permanent Clerk of this body, desires hereby to express their hearty sympathy with him and his family in their affliction, with earnest prayer to our God for his gracious presence and with loving consolation to him and them."

Rev. C. N. Wilder led in prayer.

The Judicial Commission presented the following report through its Chairman, the Rev. W. W. Johnstone, which was adopted:

"Report of Judicial Commission appointed by the Synod of Illinois at Champaign, Illinois, October 18, 1905, to hear the complaint of Rev. T. D. Logan and others, against the Presbytery of Springfield, for sustaining the Moderator in the decision restricting the sphere of debate on Overture No. 8 from the General Assembly while the discussion was in progress.

"The Judicial Commission sustains the complaint on the ground of undue limitation of debate, but inasmuch as no one was seriously aggrieved we recommend that no further action be taken."

The Committee on Leave of Absence presented the following report through its Chairman, the Rev. F. J. Tower, which was adopted:

Your Committee on Attendance and Absence desires to report that we have heard the requests and excuses of those who have been unable to attend the full session of Synod and have excused the following:

ALTON PRESBYTERY.

M. C. Crissey, after 6 P. M .Thursday.
A. E. Wilson, after 3 P. M. Thursday.
W. E. Archibald, after Wednesday evening.

BLOOMINGTON PRESBYTERY.

Rev. E. F. Hoke, after 3:40 P. M. Thursday.
S. M. Clapper, after 3:00 P. M. Wednesday.

CAIRO PRESBYTERY.

Rev. A. M. Eells, after 6:00 P. M. Thursday.
Rev. L. J. Hawkins, after noon, Thursday.
S. C. Wilson, after noon, Thursday.
Rev. W. P. Hosken, after noon, Thursday.

CHICAGO PRESBYTERY.

Rev. Alexander Patterson, after noon, Thursday.
S. E. Pate, after Wednesday afternoon.
Rev. A. J. Van Page, after 6:00 P. M. Thursday.
Rev. B. L. Hobson, after 6:00 P. M. Thursday.
Rev. E. L. Winterberger, after 6:00 P. M. Thursday.
Rev. J. A. Gallaher, after 6:00 P. M. Thursday.
Rev. J. M. Eakins, after 6:00 P. M. Thursday.
Rev. Robert Yost, after 8:15 A. M. Thursday.
Rev. C. A. Wilson, after noon, Thursday.
Thomas Douglas, after 6:00 P. M. Thursday.
W. H. Bryant, after 6:00 P. M. Thursday.

MATTOON PRESBYTERY.

Rev. W. W. Morgan, after noon, Wednesday.
Rev. C. L. Overstreet, after noon, Thursday.
Rev. John A. Tracy, after noon, Thursday.

OTTAWA PRESBYTERY.

Rev. W. C. Magner, after 6:00 P. M. Thursday.

PEORIA PRESBYTERY.

Rev. B. Y. George, for late arrival.

SPRINGFIELD PRESBYTERY.

J. T. Holmes, after 3:00 P. M. Thursday.
George B. Hemenway, after 3:00 P. M. Thursday.

FRED. J. TOWER, Chairman.
KERBY S. MILLER.
MOSES H. JACKSON.
W. H. BRYANT.

The Committee on Records of Presbyteries presented its report through its Chairman, Rev. W. E. Donaldson, which was adopted as follows:

Your Committee on the Records of Presbyteries, submits the following report:

The Records have been submitted by every Presbytery. The several sub-committees appointed to examine the records have completed their work with recommendations that the following records be approved without exception:

Alton, Bloomington, Cairo, Chicago, Freeport, Mattoon, Ottawa, Rock River, Schuyler, Springfield.

The records of Peoria were not presented for examination one year ago, and the Committee considers this just reason for exception to said records.

Your Committee recommend that Synod approve the report of these committees on the said Records.

The Committee on Nominating Permanent Committees of Synod presented the following report through its Chairman, the Rev. C. N. Wilder, which was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE MEMBERS FOR PERMANENT COMMITTEES.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

W. S. Marquis, Chairman.
W. D. Smith.
James M. Duer.
Thomas E. Spilman.
John H. Boyd.
Frank A. Hosmer.

George Lockhart.
D. T. Robertson.
B. Y. George.
William R. King.
George C. Lenington.

THE SPIRITUAL LIFE OF THE CHURCH.

Daniel Breese, Chairman.
H. H. Shawhan.
Charles F. Wilson.
Alexander Patterson.
Emil Pearson.
Charles L. Overstreet.
D. K. Campbell.
J. A. Sankey.
Charles M. Robb.
Albert F. Ernst.
Elmer P. Loose.

GENERAL CHURCH WORK.

Thomas F. Marshall.
C. S. Adams.
R. M. Dillon.
George Dougan.
John Van de Erve.
John A. Tracy.
David T. Robertson.
W. I. Alexander.
John T. Fulton.
W. A. Hutchison.
James R. Kaye.

THE YOUTH OF THE CHURCH.

Samuel W. Findley.
James R. Sager.
L. J. Hawkins.
S. M. Campbell.
C. C. Miller, M. D.
Ralsa F. Morley.
Henry Hepburn.
James Benson.
H. M. Markley.
S. W. Huffer.
Robert Carson.

The Committee on Resolutions presented the the following report, which was adopted by a rising vote:

We cannot close the sessions of this Synod without a thought of great gratitude for that which we have received and enjoyed, and

Whereas, we have been privileged to spend these days in delightful fellowship,

Therefore, Resolved, That first of all, we thank God for the privileges we have enjoyed, and for the deep spirit of religious intensity with which our sessions close.

2nd. We thank our fellowmen, all who have in any wise contributed to make our session so profitable and so pleasant; to the pastor and people of this church, and to the people of sister churches, for their gracious courtesy and generous hospitality; to the President and officers of the University of Illinois, for the kind attention shown to this Synod during its busy installation exercises; to the press and to the railroads for transportation courtesies; to Mr. George W. Gere, for his generous gift of one hundred copies of views of Champaign and vicinity, and last, but not least, to our genial Moderator, our faithful Clerks, and the speakers who have come with sacrifice of time to minister to us.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. R. BICKENBACH,
B. Y. GEORGE,
W. V. JEFFRIES.

The roll was called and the following found to be present:

ROLL OF SYNOD.

ALTON PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—W. B. Minton, James M. Duer, M. M. Cooper.
Elders—R. S. Reed, H. C. Burton.

BLOOMINGTON PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—M. F. Paisley.
Elders—E. Bigelow.

CAIRO PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—George J. E. Richards, L. J. Hawkins.
Elders—J. B. Maxwell.

SPRINGFIELD PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—W. F. Irwin, D. G. Carson.

CHICAGO PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—B. S. Bates, Moses H. Jackson, L. Finley Laverty. Wm. W. Johnstone, David A. Newell, Thomas R. Quayle, Robert B. McCain, Charles N. Wilder

FREEPORT PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—J. H. Boose.

MATTOON PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—John A. Blair.

OTTAWA PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—A. R. Bickenbach, Theo. H. Allen, B. R. Vanderlippe, George Dunlap.

PEORIA PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—J. A. Sankey, F .C. Everitt, Ben Y. George, Milton E. Todd, Amos A. Randall.

Elders—George E. Montgomery, John N. Irwin, Willis E. Reed, J. A. Williams, J. S. McKeighan, James Buchanan.

ROCK RIVER PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—W. E. Donaldson, W. V. Jeffries, W. S. Marquis, C. M. Robb.

Elders—Robert Wallace, R. M. Wilson.

SCHUYLER PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—J. W. Pugh, A. F. Ernst, W. R. King, F. J. Tower.

Elders—G. W. Means, C. C. Bissell, C. B Griffith, Josiah Ritchey.

The minutes were read and approved.

The business of the Synod having been completed, and the vote taken to adjourn, the Moderator declared the Synod to be adjourned, and that the next annual Synod will meet on the third Tuesday of October, 1906, in the Presbyterian Church of East St. Louis, Illinois.

The Synod closed with prayer and the apostolic benediction.

SHERMAN L. DIVINE,
Permanent Clerk.

Attest: GEO. J. E. RICHARDS,
Stated Clerk.

I. STANDING RULES OF THE SYNOD.

1. The General Rules for the Judicatories recommended from time to time by the General Assembly shall be the rules of the Synod.

2. The Synod, consisting of Commissioners chosen by the Presbyteries according to the ratio of one minister and one elder for every five ministers on the roll of each Presbytery, shall meet annually on the third Tuesday of October, at 7:30 p. m., and in the place designated at the previous annual meeting.

3. The officers of the Synod shall be a Moderator and two Temporary Clerks, who shall serve for one year; a Stated Clerk, who shall also be treasurer, and a Permanent Clerk, who shall serve during the term of five years, or until their successors are elected. The salary of the Stated Clerk and Treasurer shall be $250 per year, and that of the Permanent Clerk $75 per year. The Moderator and Permanent Officers shall be chosen by ballot, but in case only one nomination is made, the election shall be viva voce.

4. A Committee of Arrangements shall be appointed annually, consisting of six members, among whom shall be the Stated and Permanent Clerks, the Moderator, and the Pastor of the church in which the Synod meets, the Stated Clerk to be ex-officio Chairman. This Committee shall prepare the order of business for the Synod in consultation with the Chairmen of the Permanent and Standing Committees as hereinafter described, and shall also have charge of the railroad transportation of the members.

5. A list of the Commissioners of each Presbytery shall be forwarded by its Stated Clerk to the Stated Clerk of the Synod at least one week previous to the annual meeting.

6. The annual meeting of the Synod shall be opened with a sermon by the Moderator, or, in case of his failure, by some one designated by the Committee of Arrangements.

7. At least one-half hour of each day of the sessions shall be given to devotional services.

8. The following Standing Committees shall be appointed annually, viz:

On Bills and Overtures, 7 members.
On Judicial Business, 7 members.
On Minutes of General Assembly, 5 members.
On Finance and Treasurer's Accounts, 3 members.
On Attendance and Absence, 5 members.

On records of the Presbyteries, one member to constitute a General Committee to prepare and present the report, and eleven committees of three members each to examine the records of the Presbyteries and to report on the same to the General Committee.

9. The Permanent Committees of Synod shall be six in number.

1.—On the Spiritual Life of the Churches in the bounds of the Synod.

It shall present the religious condition and needs of our Churches, shall receive from the Presbyteries ten days before the annual meeting a written report on the state of religion covering a synodical year, shall prepare the narrative for the General Assembly and present it for the consideration of Synod, and shall have charge of Evangelistic and other movements looking to the quickening of the Spiritual Life, so far as these pertain to this Synod. The Communion of the Lord's Supper as observed by Synod may properly be held in connection with the consideration of this question.

2.—On Christian Education.

It shall take account of the religious condition of our youth in Universities, Colleges and Schools, public and private; the maintenance of the Church Schools, Colleges and Seminaries in the bounds of Synod, including the regular visitation of these by the committees of Synod; the aid of colleges and academies under the care of the General Assembly. To this Committee also is entrusted the question of the best method of presenting to the young men of our Synod the question of a call to the ministry and of promoting sound theological education within our bounds.

3.—On the Youth of the Church as represented in our Sabbath Schools and Young People's Organizations.

It shall devise measures to develop in our youth a clearer knowledge of the Word of God and of the active duties of the Christian life, not only in our own Sabbath Schools, but in the needy places of the land as cared for by the Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work.

4.—On Home Missions.

In addition to our Synodical Home Missions, this Com-

mittee shall have charge of the interests of our work among the Freedmen and among the foreign populations within our bounds, and of the duty of our Synod to the Home Mission Work of the Church at large.

5.—On Foreign Missions, which shall see to it that the interests of this cause may be properly presented to Synod by addresses from time to time.

6.—On General Church Work.

In which is included systematic beneficence, ministerial relief, church erection, temperance reform, Sabbath observance and such other practical measures as are not hereinbefore provided for.

These Committees, except that of Home Missions, which is governed by the General Rules adopted in 1902 and that of Foreign Missions, which is to consist of the Chairmen of the Presbyterial committees, shall consist of eleven members each, one from each Presbytery, to be appointed by the Synod except that the Committee on Christian Education shall have four additional members.

10. The Moderator, who opens the annual meeting with a sermon, when not a Commissioner, the Chairmen of the Permanent and Special Committees and the Stated and Permanent Clerks of the Synod shall be ex-officio members thereof, with all the rights of members except that of voting.

11. To meet the contingent and mileage expenses of the Synod, an apportionment covering the amount needed shall be levied annually on the Presbyteries according to the number of communicants in their churches at their last report, the amount to be apportioned and recommended by the Standing Committee on Finance.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurers of the Presbyteries to remit the amount thus required of them to the Treasurer of the Synod on or before the first of May of each year.

12. The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Synod shall be published in pamphlet form, under the direction of the Stated Clerk, as soon as practicable after the adjournment, and in sufficient number of copies to supply every minister and every Church Session in the Synod with one copy each, and also for distribution at the next annual meeting of the Synod.

13. The Janitor of the Church where the Synod meets shall be paid $5.00 for his services.

14. These Standing Rules may be modified or repealed, one day's notice being given, and also temporarily suspended by a two-thirds vote of the Synod at an Annual Meeting.

II. SUCCESSION OF MODERATORS.

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS, 1882-1904.

A. D.	Name	Presbytery.	Place.
1882	*Robt. W. Patterson, D. D.	Chicago	Springfield
1883	John W. Dinsmore, D. D.	Bloomington	Alton
1884	Ambrose C. Smith, D. D.	Freeport	Bloomington
1885	Benj. C. Swan, D. D.	Cairo	Centralia
1886	Edward C. Sickells, D. D.	Rock River	Mattoon
1887	*Amos H. Dean, D. D.	Schuyler	Oak Park
1888	Samuel M. Morton, D. D.	Springfield	Galesburg
1889	*John H. Worcester, D. D.	Chicago	Rochelle
1890	*Edwin L. Hurd, D. D.	Alton	DuQuoin
1891	Isaac A. Cornelison, D. D.	Peoria	Joliet
1892	Alex B. Morey, D. D.	Springfield	Jerseyville
1893	*James A. Piper, D. D.	Mattoon	Peoria
1894	Frank F. Stoltz, D. D.	Ottawa	Jacksonville
1895	Wm. A. Hunter, D. D.	Bloomington	Peoria
1896	Joseph H. Stevenson, D. D.	Cairo	Danville
1897	*James Lewis, D. D.	Chicago	Galesburg
1898	David Clark	Freeport	Bloomington
1899	Jos. M. Ross	Schuyler	Joliet
1900	Thos. B. Greenlee, Ph. D.	Alton	Decatur
1901	Chas. N. Wilder, D. D.	Bloomington	Jacksonville
1902	Edwin L. Lord	Ottawa	Chicago
1903	Edgar L. Williams, D. D.	Peoria	Springfield
1904	Thos. D. Logan, D. D.	Springfield	Rock Island
1905	Wm. S. Marquis, D. D.	Rock River.	Champaign

III. SUCCESSION OF CLERKS.

Stated Clerks.		Permanent Clerks.	
1882	*David S. Johnson, D. D.	1882	Smith H. Hyde, D. D.
1902	Geo. J. E. Richards.	1902	Sherman L. Divine.
		1905	

For full list of Moderators and Clerks from 1831 see Minutes of 1902.

*Deceased.

IV. STATISTICAL REPORT OF PRESBYTERIES.

1—ALTON.

Chairmen of Standing Committees.

Home Missions—Rev. Elisha Safford.
Foreign Missions—Rev. James M. Duer.
Education—Rev. W. H. Bradley.
Ministerial Relief—Rev. W. E. Archibald.
Church Erection—Rev. G. W. Fisher.
Publication and S. S. Work—Rev. H. W. Marshall.
Freedmen—Rev. F. P. Witherspoon.
Systematic Beneficence—Rev. L. H. Schock.
Temperance and Sabbath Observance—Rev. M. H. Kerr.
Narrative—Rev. W. B. Minton.
College Board—Rev. E. W. F. Holler.
Young People's Societies—Rev. J. R. Sager.

Ministers Received—Howard Billman from Cincinnati Presbytery; Thos. F. Marshall, Vincennes; Virgil B. Scott, Chicago; R. L. Evans, Freeport; John L. Kell, Washita; E. Milton Page, Wooster; James A. Gehrett, Bloomington; Wm. S. Pryse, Mattoon.

Ministers Dismissed—J. G. Klene to Boulder Presbytery; Wm. Parsons, Shenango; H. K. Sanborne, Oakland; J. F. Moery, Fort Dodge; Edwin Harris, Ottawa; D. L. Temple, Meridian (Pres. Ch. in U. S.)

Ordained—Thomas W. Lingle, Ph. D. Sept. 27, 1905.

Installed—E. Milton Page, Collinsville, Oct. 10, 1905; James A. Gehrett, Nokomis, Oct. 12, 1905; John L. Kell, Madison, Oct. 24, 1905.

Deceased—Thomas W. Hynes, D. D., Greenville, Ill., July 26, 1905. Aged 89 years, 9 months, 21 days.

Churches Organized—Bond Avenue, East St. Louis, Ill., May 9, 1905; Second Presbyterian, East St. Louis, May 8, 1905.

Churches Disbanded—Plainview, Sept. 27, 1905; Elm Point, Sept. 27, 1905.

WALTER H. BRADLEY, Stated Clerk.
Upper Alton.

2—BLOOMINGTON.

Chairmen of Standing Committees.

Home Missions—Rev. Chas. E. Davies.
Foreign Missions—Rev. W. D. Smith.
Education—Rev. Geo. R. Smith.
Ministerial Relief—Rev. Wm. C. Snider.

Church Erection—Rev. M. C. Long.
Publication and S. S. Work—Rev. G. D. Heuver.
Freedmen—Rev. E. Floyd Hoke.
Systematic Beneficence—Rev. C. S. Adams.
Temperance—Rev. Adam Schafer.
Narrative—Rev. E. D. Gallagher.
College Board—Rev. H. K. Denlinger.
Young People's Societies—Rev. S. W. Findley.
American Bible and Tract Societies—Rev. Robt. Bradley.
Evangelistic Work—Rev. D. S. McCaslin.

Ministers Received—Henry H. Shawhan from Petoskey Presbytery; Alfred E. Barrows, Brooklyn; James A. Liggitt, Dayton; R. Calvin Dobson, St. Louis; J. W. Mann, Mattoon; J. G. Venable, Vincennes; Wm. Torrance and J. I. Dool, Rock River; H. R. Marsh, Yukon.

Ministers Dismissed—J. G. Curry to Marion Presbytery; A. K. Caswell, Stockton; J. T. Orton, Crawfordsville; Geo. McNab, Hastings; D. I. Conkle, Wooster; O. E. Hart, San Jose; N. D. Johnson and Henry Love, Ottawa; J. E. Foster, Springfield; J. A. Gehrett, Alton; N. H. G. Fife, Huntingdon; W. G. Keiry, Trinity; A. B. Cooper, Winnebago.

Installed—S. W. Findley, Urbana, Oct. 1904; H. H. Shawhan, Danville 1st, March 1905; J. A. Liggitt, Pontiac, April 20, 1905; L. F. Cooper, Minonk, May 2, 1905; R. C. Dobson, Bloomington 1st, May 1905; J. J. Duncan, Mansfield, Sept. 27, 1905.

Pastorates Dissolved—Henry Love, Philo, Oct. 31, 1904; N. H. G. Fife, Bloomington 1st, Dec. 19, 1904; A. B. Cooper, Lexington, Dec. 29, 1904; O. E. Hart, Pontiac, Jan. 23, 1905; W. L. Hays, Cooksville, Jan. 23, 1905; J. A. Gehrett, Homer, Jan. 23, 1905; E. C. Trimble, Mansfield, April 11, 1905; A. K. Caswell, Wellington, April 11, 1905; J. T. Orton, Sheldon, Sept. 20, 1905.

Church Organized—Piper City 2nd, Dec. 18, 1904.
Church Disbanded—Cissna Park, Sept. 20, 1905.

GEO. R. SMITH, Urbana, Stated Clerk.

3—CAIRO.

Chairmen of Standing Committees.
The Spiritual Life of the Church—Rev. Daniel Breeze.
Christian Education—Rev. L. M. Scroggs.
Youth of the Church—Rev. L. J. Hawkins.
Home Missions—Rev. W. P. Hosken.
Foreign Missions—Rev. T. E. Spilman.

Beneficence—Rev. R. M. Dillon.
Church Erection—Rev. W. P. Hosken.
Ministerial Relief—Rev. L. J. Hawkins.
Sabbath Observance and Temperance—Rev. S. E. Taylor.
American Bible and Tract Societies—Rev. T. M. Gossard.

Ministers Received—W. M. Maxton from Alton Presbytery; C. H. Miller, St. Louis; M. C. Stonecipher, Helena; R. M. Dillon, Omaha; J. W. Knott, Mattoon; R. C. Townsend, Ottawa.

Ministers Dismissed—J. R. McIlroy to Alton Presbytery; L. C. Gray, Hannibal; R. M. Wimmell, Cedar Rapids; W. W. Wilson, Mattoon; J. F. Knowles, St. Paul; Paul P. Faris, Chinan; Kenneth Brown, Louisville; H. B. Douglas, Alton; C. E. Fisk, Rock River.

Ordained—Paul P. Faris, April 12, 1905.

Installed—R. M. Dillon, Carbondale, May 3, 1905; C. H. Miller, Centralia, June 22, 1905.

Pastorates Dissolved—F. O. Seamans, Flora, April 27, 1905; J. T. M. Knox, Cairo, April 27, 1905.

Church Organized—Herrin, Dec. 12, 1904.

R. S. STEVENSON, Carmi, Stated Clerk.

4—CHICAGO.

Chairmen of Standing Committees.
Home Missions—Rev. E. H. Curtis.
Foreign Missions—Rev. John H. Boyd.
Education—Rev. Frank M. Carson.
Sunday School Work—Rev. J. A. Gallaher.
Church Erection—Rev. A. A. Pfanstiehl.
Relief—Rev. Robt. D. Scott.
Freedmen—Rev. C. G. Reynolds.
College Board—Rev. George Dugan.
Temperance—Rev. Duncan C. Milner.
Young People's Societies—Rev. S. M. Campbell.
Bible Society—Rev. Alexander Patterson.
Tract Society—Rev. Joseph A. Vance.

Ministers Received—Thomas Dougan from Pembina Presbytery; Wm. T. Wilcox and Frank N. Riale, Cleveland; Maurice Grigsby and Wm. C. Covert, Saginaw; Robert J. Young, Pittsburgh; John Steele, Kearney, Jas. T. Ford, A. J. VanPage and B. Scott Bates, Freeport; Howard W. Johnston, DesMoines; Wm. L. Porter, Nebraska City; Robert Yost, Omaha; Israel E. Markus, Minneapolis; Clifford W. Barnes, Springfield; A. Golden Work, Logansport; Daniel N. Scott, Iowa U. B. Conference.

Ministers Dismissed—Daniel E. Long to Lake Superior Prestery; Paul Heiligman, Springfield; Clarence R. Williams, Philadelphia North; Douglas H. Cornell, Logansport; Edward C. Ray, Morris and Orange; Oltman B. Oltmans, Waterloo; Virgil B. Scott, Alton; John G. Reinhardt, Mouse River; Joseph B. Williamson, New Albany; Daniel N. Scott; John Steele, Schuyler; Wm. K. Weaver, Union.

Ordained—Franklin H. Geselbracht, December 13, 1904; August K. Reischauer, May 10, 1905; Alexander E. Cameron, May 10, 1905; Joseph B. Williamson, May 10, 1905; Alexander Lewis, May 12, 1905; Henry J. Wiegand, June 27, 1905; James McLagan, Oct. 25, 1904.

Installed—John Balcom Shaw, Chicago 2nd, Oct. 20, 1904; Maurice Grigsby, Roseland Cent. Dec. 16, 1904; F. H. Geselbracht, W. Division St., Dec. 13, 1904; Wm. T. Wilcox, Chicago 8th; Robert J. Young, Buena Memorial, Mar. 2, 1905; Jas. T. Ford, Arlington Heights, May 3, 1905; Frank N. Riale, Chicago 10th, 1905; W. C. Covert, Chicago 41st St., April 14, 1905; Robt. Yost, Joliet Cent., June 19, 1905; Thomas D. Wallace, Hinsdale, June 9, 1905; Abram J. VanPage, Millard Ave; Henry J. Wiegand, Zion, June 27, 1905; James W. McGowan, Wilmington, Sept. 20, 1905.

Pastorates Dissolved—Granville R. Pike, Millard Ave., Nov. 7, 1904; Daniel E. Long, 10th Ch., Nov. 7, 1904; Paul Heiligman, Wilmington, Nov. 7, 1904; Duncan C. Milner, Joliet Cent., Dec. 5, 1904; LeRoy Hooker, Windsor Park, March 12, 1905; Oltman B. Oltmans, Zion, April 3, 1905; Virgil B. Scott, S. Chicago, April 3, 1905; James W. McGowan, Chicago 7th., June 5, 1905; Adam W. Ringland, Berwyn, June 27, 1905; J. G. K. McClure, Lake Forest, Sept. 25, 1905; Wm. K. Weaver, Chicago 9th., Oct. 2, 1905.

Deceased—Howard W. VanVranken, Nov. 2, 1904, aged 52; Wm. S. Post, August 1, 1905.

Churches Organized—Willow Ave., Joliet, Dec. 19, 1904; Buena Memorial, Chicago, Jan. 6, 1905; Roseland Central, Oct. 6, 1904; Oak Park 2nd., April 9, 1905.

JAMES FROTHINGHAM, Stated Clerk.
527 Kenwood Terrace, Chicago.

5—FREEPORT.

Chairmen of Standing Committees.
Home Missions—B. E. S. Ely, Jr.
Foreign Missions—F. A. Hosmer.

Education—J. H. Boose.
Ministerial Relief—S. C. Hay.
Freedmen—F. Y. Nichols.
Publication and S. S. Work—C. C. Miller, M. D.
Aid for Colleges—R. M. Crissman.
Church Erection—M. L. Pearson.
Temperance—John Van de Erve.
Systematic Beneficence—H. L. Moore.
Young People's Societies—C. C. Miller, M. D.
Necrology—S. C. Hay.
Evangelistic Work—B. L. Brittin.
American Tract Society—John Van de Erve.
American Bible Society—R. D. Kearns.

Ministers Received—H. L. Moore from Oklahoma Presbytery; M. L. Pearson, Muncie; R. D. Kearns, Rock River; Theodore Balcoff, Ottawa; O. R. Newcomb, Grand River Assn. Cong. Churches.

Ministers Dismissed—J. T. Ford, A. J. VanPage and B. S. Bates to Chicago Presbytery; R. L. Evans, Alton; J. M. Wright, D. D., White Water; Adolphus Krebs, Madison; Edward Montgomery, Springfield.

Ordained—Edward Montgomery, April 19, 1905.

Installed—H. L. Moore, Freeport 1st, March 2, 1905; M. L. Pearson, Willow Creek, April 26, 1905; Theodore Balcoff, Hanover, October 11, 1905.

Pastorates Dissolved—J. T. Ford, Cedarville and Dakota, Nov. 24, 1904; A. J. VanPage, Marengo, April 30, 1905; J. M. Wright, Hanover, April 19, 1905; S. R. Myers, Elizabeth, April 19, 1905; B. S. Bates, Linn-Hebron, July 14, 1905; Adolphus Krebs, Galma German, July 1, 1905.

JOHN HENRY BOOSE, Stated Clerk.
222 S. 2nd St., Rockford.

6—MATTOON.

Chairmen of Standing Committees.
Home Missions and Evangelism—Rev. John A. Blair.
Foreign Missions—Rev. Geo. Lockhart.
Education—Rev. O. H. Carmichael.
Ministerial Relief—Rev. E. P. Rankin.
Freedmen—Rev. Chas. Christensen.
Publication and S. S. Work—Rev. John A. Tracy.
College Board—Rev. S. M. Morton.
Church Erection—Rev. Montgomery May.

Young People—Rev. Benj. H. Fields.
Temperance—Rev. A. M. Elliott.
Systematic Beneficence—Rev. E. B. Landis.
Sabbath Observance—Rev. Robert B. Irwin.
American Bible and Tract Societies—Rev. R. B. Irwin.
Narrative—Rev. W. W. Tait.

Ministers Received—John A. Tracy from Chippewa Presbytery; W. W. Tait, Muncie; W. W. Wilson, Cairo; J. F. Fetterolf, Springfield; J. L. McNair, Chillicothe; W. H. Mason, Peoria; E. W. Landis, Decatur, C. P.

Ministers Dismissed—J. W. Mann to Bloomington Presbytery; J. N. Strain, Peoria; W. S. Pryse, Alton; S. A. Caldwell, Nebraska City.

Installed—J. A. Tracy, Shelbyville, May 2, 1905; E. B. Landis, Neoga, Feb. 14, 1905; J. F. Fetterolf, Assumption, May 1, 1905.

SAMUEL M. MORTON, Effingham, Stated Clerk.

7—OTTAWA.

Chairmen of Standing Committees.
Home Missions—Rev. A. R. Bickenbach.
Foreign Missions—Rev. D. T. Robertson.
Education—Rev. J. G. Butler.
Ministerial Relief—Rev. Theo. H. Allen.
Church Erection—Rev. Geo. Dunlap.
Publication and S. S. Work—Rev. D. K. Campbell.
Freedmen—Rev. J. D. McCaughtry.
Systematic Beneficence—Rev. J. C. Haswell.
Temperance—Rev. B. R. Vonder Lippe.
College Board—Rev. James A. Greene.
Young People's Societies—Rev. Henry Hepburn.

Ministers Received—Henry Hepburn from Ozark Presbytery; Henry Love, Bloomington; James C. Haswell, Topeka.

Ministers Dismissed—E. L. Lord to Rock River Presbytery; O. C. Johnson, Milwaukee; D. H. Rohrabaugh, LaCrosse; Theodore Balcoff, Freeport; R. C. Townsend, Cairo; J. M. Campbell, Aberdeen; Peter Birrell, Indianapolis.

Installed—Henry Hepburn, Aurora, May 3, 1905.

Pastorates Dissolved—O. C. Johnson, Morris, Jan. 19, 1905; Edwin L. Lord, Aurora, Dec. 18, 1904; Theodore Balcoff, Troy Grove, July 25, 1905; R. C. Townsend, Oswego, Aug. 15, 1905.

THEODORE ALLEN, Mendota, Stated Clerk.

8—PEORIA.

Chairmen of Standing Committees.

Home Missions—Alvin R. Mathes.
Foreign Missions—Benj. Y. George.
Education—W. H. Pumphrey.
Publication and S. S. Work—Milton E. Todd.
Church Erection—James Benson.
Ministerial Relief—Amos A. Randall.
College Board—John Weston.
Beneficence—H. C. Postlethwaite.
Freedmen—James Benson.
Temperance—F. F. Dobson.
Endeavors—James Benson.
Evangelistic Work—John Weston.

Ministers Received—John N. Strain from Mattoon Presbytery; F. F. Dobson, Sequoyah; W. J. Manifold, Rock River; W. I. Alexander, Freeport.

Ministers Dismissed—J. H. McGaughey to Duluth Presbytery; J. H. Rheingaus, Chippewa; W. H. Mason, Mattoon.

Ordained—Claude E. Alexander, June 29, 1905; Alexander D. Sutherland, Sept. 12, 1905.

Installed—W. I. Alexander, Elmira, Nov. 10, 1904; F. F. Dobson, Farmington, April 25 1905; C. E. Alexander, Eureka, June 29, 1905; J. N. Strain, Altona, April 27, 1905; M. E. Todd, Henry, July 13, 1905.

Pastorates Dissolved—J. A. McGaughey, Lewiston, Nov. 5, 1904; P. B. Ferris, Eureka, Dec. 16, 1904; W. H. Mason, Henry, April 11, 1905; M. E. Todd, Bethel, Peoria, June 29, 1905.

I. A. CORNELISON, Washington, Stated Clerk.

9—ROCK RIVER.

Chairmen of Standing Committees.

Home Missions—Rev. W. V. Jeffries.
Foreign Missions—Rev. Wm. S. Marquis, D. D.
Education—Rev. W. E. Donaldson.
Ministerial Relief—Rev. R. E. Fleming.
Church Erection—Harry B. Allen.
Sabbath School—Rev. J. B. Howard.
Freedmen—Rev. J. M. Tidball.
Systematic Beneficence—Elder A. A. Mackey, Woodhull.
Temperance—Rev. Marion Humphrey.
Narrative—Rev. N. W. Thornton.
Aid for Colleges—Rev. John T. Fulton.

American Bible Society—Rev. John T. Fulton.
Young People's Societies—Rev. H. M. Markley.
Evangelistic Work—Rev. S. S. Cryor, D. D.
Pastoral Relation—Rev. Wm. S. Marquis, D. D.

Ministers Received—E. L. Lord from Ottawa Presbytery; C. S. West, Mankato; J. L. Henning, DesMoines; A. B. Minamyer, Grafton; W. H. Clatworthy, Schuyler.

Ministers Dismissed—R. S. Coffey to Presbytery of Dublin, Ireland; H. Jacobs, Schuyler; W. I. Manifold, Peoria; R. D. Kearns, Freeport; Wm. Torrance and J. I. Dool, Bloomington.

Installed—E. L. Lord, Kewanee, February 7, 1905; J. L. Henning, Edgington, June 9, 1905; Marion Humphreys, Central Church, Rock Island, Oct. 7, 1905; Henry Cullen, Milan and Pleasant Ridge, Oct. 8, 1905.

Pastorates Dissolved—L. McIntyre, Spring Valley, April 30, 1905; R. D. Kearns, Woodhull, Oct. 17, 1904; Wm. Torrance, Central Church, Rock Island, June 1, 1905; Marion Humphreys, Milan and Pleasant Ridge, Aug. 1, 1905.

Deceased—John Giffin, Dec. 23, 1904, aged 70 years, 6 months.

CHARLES M. ROBB, Seaton, Stated Clerk.

10—SCHUYLER.

Chairmen of Standing Committees.
Home Missions—Rev. F. J. Tower.
Foreign Missions—Rev. W. R. King.
Education—Rev. E. M. Clingan.
Ministerial Relief—Rev. W. A. Hutchison.
Church Erection—Rev. F. J. Tower.
Publication and S. S. Work—J. M. Thomson.
Freedmen—Rev. L. B. Dye.
Systematic Beneficence—Rev. W. R. Stewart.
Young People's Societies—Rev. S. W. Huffer.
Temperance and Sabbath Observance—Rev. T. R. Good.
College Board—Rev. H. G. Dusenberry.
Bible and Tract Societies—Rev. J. L. Hartsook.

Ministers Received—J. H. Bratton from Cimarron Presbytery; J. K. Bliss, Neosho; T. R. Good, Denver; S. R. Boyd, Nebraska City; W. T. Reynolds, Chicago; Hyman Jacobs, Rock River; S. L. McArnis, Holston; A. A. Pratt, Iowa City; J. P. Kerr, Wooster; A. F. Wittenberger, Dubuque.

Ministers Dismissed—S. L. Allison to Osborne Presbytery; S. L. McAmis, Freeport; Daniel Grieder, Dubuque; J. F. Winnard, S. Florida; L. Pillmeier, Saginaw; W. H. Clatworthy, Rock River; Hyman Jacobs, Central Dakota.

Installed—D. Greider, Salem Germ., Oct. 13, 1904; T. R. Good, Mt. Sterling, Oct. 12, 1904; S. R. Boyd, Kirkwood, Jan. 31, 1905.

Pastorates Dissolved—J. W. Pugh, Fountain Green, Nov. 1, 1904; J. F. Winnard, Bethel, May 14, 1905; D. Grieder, Salem, Germ., Nov. 1, 1905; S. L. Allison, Rushville, Sept. 19, 1905.

A. F. ERNST, Macomb, Stated Clerk.

11—SPRINGFIELD.

Chairmen of Standing Committees.

Home Missions—Wm. H. Penhallegon.
Foreign Missions—Geo. C. Lenington.
Education—Jas. E. Rogers.
College Board—Chas. M. Brown.
Systematic Beneficence—D. G. Carson.
Church Erection—S. A. Glasgow.
Ministerial Relief—A. B. Morey.
Sabbath School Work—W. F. Irwin.
Young People's Societies—Robert Carson.
Temperance—Geo. E. Saunderson.
Bible Society—Elder Ensley Moore.
Freedmen—Jas. R. Kaye.
Tract Society—Benj. Thomas.

Ministers Received—Paul Heiligman from Chicago Presbytery; Robert Carson, Trinity; Edward Montgomery, Freeport; Jas. E. Foster, Bloomington; Wm. F. Gibson, D. D., Crawfordsville; Frank P. DeBolt, Emporia; Ellis M. Steen, Sangamon Presby. C. P. Church.

Ministers Dismissed—D. J. Mitterling to DesMoines Presbytery; Geo. C. Flett, Lake Superior; E. E. Lashly, Wooster; H. G. Wilkinson, White Water; J. F. Fetterolf, Mattoon; Clifford W. Barnes, Chicago.

Ordained—John Boden, June 29, 1905; Emmanuel C. Pires, July 6, 1905.

Installed—John Boden, Petersburg Church, June 29, 1905.

Church Organized—Middletown, Jan. 25, 1905.

Church Disbanded—Irish Grove, April 12, 1905.

GEO. C. LENINGTON, Stated Clerk.
Box 138, Virginia.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS OF THE SYNOD OF ILLINOIS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 1, 1905.

PRESBYTERY.	Ministers Received.	Ministers Dismissed	Ministers Deceased.	Installations.	Ordinations.	Pastorates Dissolved.	Licentiates.	Candidates.	Whole Number of Ministers.	Churches Dissolved and Dismissed.	Churches Organized and Received.	Church Edifices Built.	Manses Acquired.	Churches with Pastors and P. E.	Churches with Supplies.	Churches Vacant.	Whole Number of Churches.	Whole Number of Members.	Whole Number of S. S. Members.	STATED CLERKS.
Alton	8	6	1	3	1	....	....	3	35	2	2	....	....	16	20	13	49	5,262	6,057	Walter H. Bradley
Bloomington	9	13	....	6	....	9	....	5	52	1	1	....	....	31	9	14	54	8,290	6,835	George R. Smith
Cairo	6	9	....	2	1	2	....	....	27	....	1	....	....	16	10	15	41	3,911	3,597	R. S. Stevenson
Chicago	17	12	2	13	7	11	1	18	168	....	3	4	2	78	12	4	94	25,323	30,802	James Frothingham
Freeport	5	7	....	3	1	6	1	3	31	....	....	....	1	22	2	6	30	5,010	4,734	John H. Boose
Mattoon	7	4	....	3	....	....	....	2	30	....	....	1	....	10	20	4	34	4,361	3,879	Samuel M. Morton
Ottawa	3	7	....	1	....	3	....	2	22	....	....	1	....	13	2	8	23	3,099	2,880	Theodore H. Allen
Peoria	4	3	....	5	2	4	....	3	36	....	....	....	....	25	3	8	36	5,891	5,797	Isaac A. Cornelison
Rock River	5	6	1	4	....	4	....	2	38	....	....	....	....	21	7	7	35	4,854	4,746	Charles M. Robb
Schuyler	10	7	....	3	....	4	....	4	30	....	....	1	....	11	18	12	41	5,410	5,500	A. F. Ernst
Springfield	7	6	....	1	2	....	1	8	28	1	1	....	1	15	13	5	33	5,915	4,959	George C. Lenington
Total	81	80	4	44	14	43	3	50	497	4	8	7	4	258	116	96	470	77,326	79,786	

V. List of Churches, Number of elders and Clerks of Sessions.

PRESBYTERY OF ALTON.

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
5	Alton	S. R. McClure
4	Baldwin	Wm. Wilson
5	Belleville	Sam P. Hyde E. B. St., Belleville.
4	Blair	T. J. McBride
3	Bethel.	Rev. Allison Hunter Reno.
3	Brighton	W. H. Hart
3	Butler	Geo. W. Dryer
6	Carlinville	W. T. Brown
3	Carlyle	Wm. Smith
6	Carrollton	G. W. Davis
3	Chester	M. C. Crissey
3	Collinsville	R. S. Reed
6	East St. Louis.	H. J. Buerki 339 Collinsville Ave.
3	Ebenezer	J. W. Harry Rockwood.
6	Edwardsville	J. H. Glass
2	Elm Point	Thos. Wafer
6	Greenfield	W. A. Saylor
12	Greenville.	S. Curtis White
4	Hardin	B. F. Wilkinson
8	Hillsboro	J. O. Fisher
6	Jerseyville.	T. F. Marshall
1	Kampsv'e.	A. R. Zimmerman
2	Lebanon Marshal Memorial	S. F. Flint
9	Litchfield	J. R. Paisely
1	Madison	J. R. Beale
4	Moro	Arthur Smith
4	Nokomis	C. F. Best
1	Plainview	Geo Morrison
3	Raymond	H. Fensterman
5	Rockwood	N. W. Kelly
3	Salem (Ger.),	Hy. Bausch Godfrey.
9	Sparta	Jas. Gordon, Sr.
3	Spring Cove.	H. B. Warner Challacombe.
3	Staunton	J. A. Russell
2	Steelev'e.	J. M. Montgomery
2	Sugar Creek.	C. O. Drayton Trenton.
3	Summit G'ye	D. S. H. Nevius Kampsville.
4	Trenton	A. W. Carter
3	Troy	Dr. F. M. Zanders
2	Unity	W. M. Gray Rockwood.
4	Upper Alton,	W. H. Bradley
6	Virden	J. M. Furry
3	Walnut Grove	H VanArsdale Carrolton (R F D)
3	Walnut Hill	Johnson Wilson Rockwood.
4	Waveland	Abner Clotfelter Hillsboro.
5	White Hall.	H. O. Tunison
3	Woodb'n (Ger)	J. G. Benner Bunker Hill.
1	Yankeetown.	Hugh McCuen Ames.
1	Zion	Rev. J. F. Moery Fosterburg.

PRESBYTERY OF BLOOMINGTON.

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
3	Alvin	C. A. Peterson
6	Bement	L. H. Alvard
7	Bloomington 1,	W. Maxwell
10	Bloomington 2,	M. L. Moore
3	Cayuga	Wm. Baughman
	Cerro Gordo	

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
8	Champaign.	G. W. Harwood
5	Chatsworth.	D. J. Stanford
6	Chenoa.	E. P. Holderness
3	Clarence.	J. C. Smith
8	Clinton.	Wm. B. Rundle
5	Cooksville.	J. C. Wilson
	Covel	
3	Colfax.	J. J. Wiley
7	Danville 1.	C. T. Yeomans
4	Danv'e Beth'ny,	A. McDonald
3	Downs.	G. G. Doolie
3	Elm Grove.	J. E. Britton
7	El Paso.	Geo. Schuman
3	Fairbury.	Chas. Keck
2	Farmer City.	Morton Kent
7	Gibson City.	John Pierpont
4	Gilman	Henry Harris
6	Heyworth.	A. J. McComb
5	Hoopest'n	M. A. Boardman
3	Homer.	J. C. White
3	Jersey.	John Odell
7	Lexington	W. R. Mahan
3	Mahomet, J W	Herriott, Jr.
2	Mansfield, E S	Cunningham
4	Mononk.	J. A. Simpson
5	Monticello.	C. J. Bear
3	Mt. Carmel.	I. N. Horner
5	Normal.	A. E. Stout
6	Onarga.	J. W. Porter
2	Paxton.	D. B. Graves
3	Philo.	S. S. Love
5	Piper City,	W. O. McKinney
6	Pontiac.	Dr. J. A. Caldwell
4	Prairie View.	J. H. Noble
4	Rankin.	Jno. S. Hewins
3	Reading.	L. M. Tombaugh
4	Rossville.	Geo. Maury
1	Sidney.	Chas. T. Helm
2	Selma.	C. E. Ransom
3	Sheldon.	Robt. Ross
5	Tolona	T. M. Salisbury
3	Towanda.	G. W. Peterson
3	Urbana.	Prof. T. A. Clark
5	Watseka.	B. L. Gilmore
5	Waynesville	W. H. Finfrock
5	Wellington.	W. V. Doan
4	Wenona.	W. F. Hamilton

PRESBYTERY OF CAIRO.

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
5	Anna.	Dr. F. A. Sabin
5	Ava.	Matthew Wright
6	Bridgeport.	C. M. Piper
3	Cairo.	M. Easterday
4	Campbell Hill,	J. M. Hanna
7	Carbondale.	J. M. Johnson
2	Carterv'e.	Hugh M. Richart
4	Carmi.	C. S. Conger
6	Centralia.	Henry D. Buck
5	Cobden.	H. A. Dubois
3	Duquoin.	L. S. Smith
2	Equality.	Thos. A. Davis
3	Fairfield.	John Keen, Jr.
3	Flora.	S. C. Dayton
3	Friendsville.	B. W. Lucas
8	Galum	
	(Pinkneyville),	F. P. Anderson
1	Gilead	
	(Sumner)	Jno. McVickar
7	Golconda.	D. G. Thomson
2	Grand Tower,	J. W. Davie
6	Harrisburg W	Penn Hallock
3	Kell.	M. C. Kell
3	Lawrenceville,	F. W. Keller
1	McLeansboro	
4	Metropolis.	C. P. Treat
4	Mt. Carmel	G. C. Kingsbury
4	Mt. Olivet	
	(West Liberty)	Wm. Eberhart
4	Mt. Vernon	W. R. Parkinson
4	Murphysboro,	W P Hosken
4	Nashville.	W. B. Anderson

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
2	Oak Grove	
	Oakdale	Wm. Williamson
3	Odin	
	Salem	Jno. McMurray
6	Olney	J. T. Ratcliffe
4	Pisgah	
	Bridgeport,	T. H. Gutheridge
5	Richland	
	Calhoun	Rufus Snively
1	Saline Mines	Jas. Rose
4	Shawneetown	Carl Roedel
4	Sumner	H. M. Wagner
4	Tamaroa	J. W. Haines
3	Union	
	Pasturefield	G. G. Westall
3	Vengennes	Jno. Crain
1	Wabash	
	Linn	Chas. Andrews

PRESBYTERY OF CHICAGO.

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
3	Arlington Hts.	S. E. Pate
11	Austin	Wm. A. Dean
6	Avondale, Axel B.	Paulson
11	Belden Ave, J. W.	McLean
5	Berwyn	A. J. Dunham
5	Bethany.	C. R. Moorhead
5	Braidwood.	A. A. Pawling
4	Brighton Park, R.	Collinge
7	Brookline	Peter Storms
3	Buckingham, H. S.	Randall
	Buena Memorial, A.	Stevenson
4	Cabery	
6	Calvary	J. B. Kerr
8	Campbell Park, J. C.	Crafts
5	Central Pk. W. S.	Chidester
11	Chicago 1st, H. H.	Munger
10	" 2nd, Henry M.	Ralston
25	" 3rd,	R. B. Merriam
6	"4th	Wm. M. Smith
9	" 6th	Warton Platner
5	" 7th	Edgar O. Burton
11	"8th	F. W. Main
6	" 9th	Harry K. Jones
7	" 10th, W.	Groundwater
3	" 11th,	George Ritter
10	" 41st St.,	W. L. Moss
6	" 52d Av.	M. M. Johnston
5	Chicago Hts.	G. H. Caskey
6	Christ	H. E. Snyder
10	Covenant	Edw. A. Halsey
2	Deerfield	Wm. W. Clark
4	Douglass Park	Robert Peel
3	Du Page	M. B. McNutt
2	Edgewater	E. J. Holden
4	Elwood	Wm. F. Keith
7	Emerald Ave.	D. Matheson
3	Endeavor	Wm. Taylor
9	Englewood, J.	Strachan, Jr.
11	Evanston 1, C. D. B.	Howell
6	Evanston 2nd, R. K.	Brown
2	Faith	W. H. Robertson
8	Fullerton Ave,	D. Cameron
3	Gardner.	Winfield S. Allison
3	Garfield Boul, J. L. S.	Hall
4	Grace	Stuart D. Fowler
3	Harvey	Joel E. Field
5	Herscher	Edw. Bartlett
8	Highland Park R. W.	Patton
2	Hinsdale	Thos. Sweezey
3	Homewood	Wm. Cone
2	Hyde Park	A. H. Rugg
6	Immanuel, G. S.	McConnell
1	Itasca	Edwin O Nichols
3	Italian	Filippo Grilli
7	Jefferson Pk., T. F.	Walton
10	Joliet Central, Alfred	Nash
7	Joliet First	F. E. Marsh
3	Joliet 2nd	A. Van Fleet
5	Kankakee	C. E. Holt
5	LaGrange, .G.	H. Bremner
8	Lake Forest	A. C. Haven
4	Lake View.	C. M. Williams
3	Libertyville	A. M. Casey
3	Logan Square, J. J.	Larimer
3	Manteno	Edw. W. Hume

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
2	Maywood	C. J. Lancaster
5	Miliard Ave,	R. H. Ewing
6	Morgan Park	R B Thomson
3	New Hope Coal City	James Ross
9	Normal Park	J. K. Brittain
7	Oak Park	L. A. Bowman
5	Oak Park 2nd,	Wm. H. Watt
4	Olivet Memorial	A. L. Rowe
1	Onward	Jno. J. Burrows
5	Peotone	H. P. Yung
4	Pullman	A. A. Chalcraft
6	Ravenswood	Robt. S. Cope
5	Ridgeway Ave,	G. F. Scott
5	River Forest,	W. B. Downs
4	Riverside	C. P. Beach
4	Roseland	John Maderom
5	Roseland Cent.	P S Sutcliffe
4	Scotch Westminister,	Alex. Ewnson
4	S. Chicago,	J. D. Worcester
6	So. Tabernacle,	E S Stewart
4	So. Waukegan,	H. M. Henry
8	St. Anne	E. C. Corkins
4	Waukegan	Jas. D. Skene
4	W. Division St. I	M Webster
5	Windsor Park	R. Kershaw
4	Wilmington	Wm. A. Pawling
10	Woodlawn Park,	M M Jones
3	Zion (Wheeling),	C. Bollenbeck

PRESBYTERY OF FREEPORT.

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
3	Apple River,	Jas. Charlton
9	Belvidere	H. W. Avery
4	Cedarville	H. Richart
3	Dakota	H. F. Barr
1	Elizabeth,	P. Arnold, M. D.
3	Forreston	Grove H Smith, Jr.
8	Freeport 1st,	J. Brockmeier
2	Freeport 2nd,	G. M. Fugate
3	Freeport 3rd	W. Dietrich
4	Galena 1st	J. S. Helm
3	Galena (Germ.)	C. Erbe
5	Galena South,	J. G. Crooks
4	Hanover	W. N. Miller
5	Harvard	Lee Anderson
6	Linn-Hebron	W H Groesbeck
5	Marengo	E. F. McKenney
3	Middle Creek,	W. Bridgland
4	Oregon	Alpha Jones
1	Prairie Dell	T. Groen
4	Ridgefield	W. P. Walkup
15	Rockford 1st,	E. E. Wilson
9	Rockford Westminister	S. W. Walace
1	Savanna	E. Hammersmith
3	Scales Mound,	F. Bruechert
4	Warren	G. W. Pepoon
9	Willow Creek,	A. D. Picken
4	Winnebago	W. I. Wells
2	Woodstock,	Rev. S. C. Hay
3	Zion, Schapv'e	F. Bruechert

PRESBYTERY OF MATTOON.

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
2	Arcola	H. U. Potter
4	Ashmore	C. R. Mitchell
7	Assumption,	F. G. Mitchell
3	Beckwith Prairie,	M M Dick
4	Bethany	E. G. Spence
2	Bethel (Arcola)	L. Wilkins
4	Casey	Geo. F. Shimel
5	Charleston,	I. B. Mitchell
3	Chrisman	Wiley Rogers
2	Dalton City,	J H Uppendohl
6	Effingham	H. S. Parker
5	Grand View	C. C. Clapp

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
3	Greenup	J. V. Runkle
4	Kansas	H. J. Dey
7	Mattoon	Frank Cox
4	Morrisonville,	H. J. Dey
3	Moweaqua	R. B. Wilson
6	Neoga	S. F. Wilson
3	New Providence,	G N Ulrich Paris.
4	Newton	Rev. W. H. Prestley
5	Oakland	O. L. Minter
8	Shelbyville	Geo. B. Rhoads
6	Taylorville	J. N. Waddell
3	Toledo	Chas. A. Willis
4	Tower Hill	A. A. Eeiler
5	Tuscola	J. R. Cantrall
4	Vandalia	T. N. Pitkin
1	Watson	Wm. Nevils
4	West Okaw	J. H. Baird Prairie Home.

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
7	Aurora	Thos. B. Swan
3	Earlville	D L Barnard
3	Elgin	Rev. G A Pollock
6	Sandwich,	W W Woodbury
4	Waltham	D A Bennett Utica.
4	Oswego	G M Croushorn
4	Paw-Paw	Robt. Pogue
5	Gr'd Rd'ge	F H Poundstone
2	Troy Grove,	A C McDowell
9	Streator	D G Campbell
2	Ottawa	D. K. Campbell
7	Ottawa, South,	J T Cooley
5	Morris	Robt. R Doherty
4	Waterman,	John M Smiley
1	Brookfield	J J Marsh
2	Union Grove	A C Moore
2	Granville	Robt. Tutt
6	Mendota	S Kirkpatrick
6	Rochelle,	C J McClymonds
4	Au Sable G've	S W Johnson
3	Meridan	Jas. McDowell
2	Kings	A L Koukle
	Florid	Milton Ford

PRESBYTERY OF PEORIA.

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
1	Alta	Justus T Hawley
5	Altona	T. F. Templeton
1	Astoria	J H Meredith
3	Banner	C H Northup
3	Brunswick	M T Graham
7	Canton	H F Suydam
2	Crow Meadow	F N Rood
4	Delavan	A Stubbs
5	Elmira	Geo. Rutheford
4	Elmwood	J D Lyon
5	Eureka	G W Anthony
5	Farmington,	Jno. Caldwell
2	French Grove	W E Reed
9	Galesburg	A A Sigsbee
3	Green Valley	S S Darling
5	Henry	J A Williams
4	Ipava	C. S. S. Barrows
6	Knoxville	F. L. Harmony
5	Lewiston	Oliver Rice
2	Limestown	Wm. Taylor
5	Oneida	Martin Gehring
8	Peoria 1st	J E F Fisher
4	Peoria 2d	David McCulloch
3	Peoria, Ardade Ave.	E. B. Hazen
5	Peoria, Bethel	W T Johnson

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
6	Peoria, Calvary	Peter Huelsebus
1	1st German...	D. H. Teesen
4	Peoria, Grace....	C C Lines
2	Peoria, Westminister	C R Kuhn
3	Pottstown.....	C. E. Miller
4	Princeville..	Byron H Wear
3	Prospect	E. W. Zook, M. D.
4	Salem.....	J. H. Parr
2	Vermont....	C H Hamilton
4	Washington, I	A Cornelison
8	Yates City, R	J McKeighan

PRESBYTERY OF ROCK RIVER.

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
3	Albany	H. C. Johnson
7	Aledo	J W Ramsey
5	Alexis.....	Alvah Weed
3	Arlington	C A Smith
3	Ashton.... ..	O W Griffith
2	Beulah Orion	John McCandles
3	Buffalo Pr'rie, S	F Barrows
5	Center Seaton.....	F. M. Roth
2	Coal Valley	W Adams
8	Dixon...	John Laing
3	Edgington	Jas. Venable
2	Fulton	J M Fay
2	Franklin Grove..	J Blocker
4	Garden Plain, .	A J Stowell
6	Geneseo.....	W M Small
5	Hamlet, Aledo,	Elisha Lee
2	Keithsburg	
4	Kewanee	C A Brown
2	Ladd.....	J H Colver
3	Milan.....	G H Honens
5	Millersburg, G	E Thornton
7	Morrison.....	L E Tuttle
3	Munson, Geneseo, C	E Baird
4	Newton, Erie, W	L Mitchel
5	Norwood Alexis	A M Sharer
5	Peniel (Aledo), Geo.	Harvey
3	Perryton, Aledo, Alva	Doak
3	Pleasant Ridge Milan ...	Marion Humphrey
5	Princeton....	C M Priestly
6	Rock Island Broadway, A	H McCandless
6	Rock Island Central.....	John Liedtke
3	Spring Valley, Morrison	Jenkins McCullough
7	Sterling.....	G M Robinson
5	Viola	T F Sexton
7	Woodhull.....	A A Mackey

PRESBYTERY OF SCHUYLER.

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
2	Appanoose Niota	Hugh Jackson
5	Augusta	G W Worman
3	Bardolph....	Charles Harris
3	Baylis	Andrew White
3	Bethel Hamilton.....	W R Githen
5	Brooklyn	Jonas King
4	Bushnell	Wm. J Fultz
2	Burton Memorial, S	Bricker
2	Camp Creek Pennington P't, J	Campbell Macomb.
2	Camp Point, E E B	Sawyer

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
9	Carthage	W E Lyon
5	Clayton	A S McDowell
1	Chili	D G Todd
3	Doddsville	A Harshey
5	Elvaston	S. P. McGaw
3	Ebenezer Macomb	Robt. McNair
3	Ellington	T. Will Turner Quincy.
1	Fairmount	A. L. Mart Tempest.
5	Fountain Gr'n,	J T Spangler
5	Good Hope	P. VanPelt
5	Hersman	G W Means
3	Huntsville	L R King
6	Kirkwood	L E Ohler
3	Liberty	C W Linn
3	Lee Mound Sta.,	G T Jennings
9	Macomb	F R Warren
14	Monmouth	D W Hare
3	New Salem	W H Laird
4	Nauvoo 1st,	W M Haggett
4	Mt. Sterling	F D Crane
4	Olive Mt. Sterling	W B Rigg
4	Oquawka	J W Gordon
2	Perry	Wm. H Wilson
3	Pontoosuc	David Moyes
1	Plymouth	W F Ogilvie
4	Prairie City,	Robt. Burden
5	Quincy 1st	J M Welch
6	Rushville	H B Roach
4	Salem German (Sutter)	...
0	Warsaw	... ...
4	Wythe Warsaw	Wm. Gray

PRESBYTERY OF SPRINGFIELD.

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
4	Bates	Wm. Kerr
3	Buffalo H,	J W Richardson
2	Chatham	J V Lattner
7	Decatur	E S McLelland
5	Divernon	W. L. Tarbet
3	Farmington,	W H Knudson
2	Greenview	Chas. Stone
7	Jacksonville, State Street	T M Tomlinson
6	Jacksonville, Westminister	W T Brown
6	Jacksonville, Portugese	E Vasconcellos
6	Lincoln	David Gillespie
6	Macon	C T Wells Elwin, Ill.
3	Maroa	J H Sterling
3	Manchester	Jas. De Wolf.
5	Mason City	W I Kincaid
2	Middlet'n,	Louis A. Buchner
3	Murrayville	J C Caldwell
4	North Sangamon Athens	R A Young
1	Pawnee	Harry Furry
5	Petersburg	Jacob Bergen
4	Pisgah Orleans	Jas. Holmes
3	Pleasant Plains,	W Hensley
4	Providence Virginia	Bethune Nisbet
9	Springfield 1st	J P Bryce
7	Springfield 2d	C G Gray
7	Springfield 3d	W H Hayden
5	Springfield, Portugese	J F Mendonsa
2	Sweetwater,	J. W. Terhune
3	Unity Woodson	Jas. W. Craig
3	Virginia	J J Bergen
2	Williamsville	P J Telfer
3	Winchester	Frank Mason

VI. REPORT OF WOMAN'S SYNODICAL SOCIETY OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Illinois Woman's Synodical Society for Foreign Missions is happy in being able to report that this has been the best in the twenty-five years of its history.

The best, because the work has been accomplished with increased steadiness and persistency of purpose. This has been indicated by the securing of a marked advance in the offering of the first and second quarters of the year, and so equalizing the work of the treasurers.

The best in the number of study classes, testifying to the growing ambition of our women to be intelligent and definite with regard to Missions.

The best also—and as a legitimate result of such efforts—in the contributions received. For the year ending April 20, 1905, the total amount given by the women of Illinois for Foreign Missions was $52,778.89, a gain of $10,184.35. To appreciate this fully we must take into account the transfer caused by the Forward Movement which, admirable as it is, means of course a readjustment with all concerned.

For the year ending in April, eight Presbyterial Societies showed a gain in membership, thirteen new organizations were reported while the heart of our Secretary of Literature was gladdened by encouraging signs in every society, more magazines taken and a growing demand for the literature needed in study classes.

During the past six months several Presbyteries have made specially good showing. Chicago has given $3,320.30, during this Summer, a gain of $829.84 over this period last year. Two new Societies have been organized also. Peoria had a week of self-denial that brought forth its basket of summer fruits so that a decided advance was made. Schuyler's gain in the first quarter of the summer was nearly three times that of the same time last year. For eight years this Presbytery has steadily grown in every good work. Mattoon has certainly held its own and Springfield has forged ahead as usual.

Presbyterial meetings were successful and well attended. Several missionaries have been heard at these and other services with great satisfaction. Carefully prepared programmes for each and every meeting are now the rule with scarcely an excep-

tion. All these details indicate, as straws, the wind, that all of these women sometimes, and some of these women all the time have a mind to work. MRS. S. O. LOUGHRIDGE.

VII. REPORT OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Synod of Illinois, Oct. 19, 1905.

Our Corresponding Secretary's report to the Board of the North West last spring began with these words: "The Synodical Society of Illinois has been asking 'what the signs of promise are?' and finding in the work of the past a hint of the fruitage of the future."

I rejoice that I am able to point out definite signs of promise in our Young People's work. We have increased our gifts for Foreign Missions $520.43 over last year's report. Increased gifts means increased interest; more prayer and effort—a hopeful sign and promise of larger things to come.

Out of 337 Societies 240 sent in reports. This may be considered a good percentage but let us not be satisfied until every Society is represented at roll call by a clear and comprehensive report of the years work.

This calls for increased effort and boundless patience on the part of Presbyterial Secretaries, but let us remind ourselves "In due season ye shall reap, if ye faint not."

Four enthusiastic Societies hold bi-monthly meetings; 177 meet every month; 3 quarterly; 5 once in two months, and I feel certain that many of those who failed to "speak up" are holding helpful missionary services.

180 Missionary Committees and 136 lectures delivered under the auspices of the Young People are reported. 88 Libraries, containing 1717 volumes; 18 study classes; 100 subscriptions for "Woman's Work;" 208 for "Over sea and Land" and 1644 copies of "Endeavor World," together with the many magazines and papers taken in the houses and reported elsewhere lead us to feel that there is a growing knowledge and understanding of Mission Work.

393 Comrades of the Quiet Hour are reported. Could I include the large number of those not regularly enrolled who also observe the "Morning Watch" the number would be much larger. It is a constant problem with every laborer for Christ how best

to awaken and deepen impressions of truth and to fasten them upon the memory and heart. The Quiet Hour is an invaluable aid in this—a time when the Father unveils His face and grants a glimpse of heavenly things.

How shall we give? "Freely ye have received, freely give." We ought not only to give, but we ought to plan for our giving that the Treasury may always be filled. The poor Treasury! At some seasons it truly reminds us of the lean kine of Pharoah's dream, so ill fed it is. Then suddenly, at the very last as it were, what a wonderful change. Pharoah's fat kine are not to be mentioned in the same breath with it. How much better for us to pay our pledges quarterly in an orderly manner and keep the Treasury well filled all the year round.

Our Young People are doing something along the line of systematic giving. 301 Truth Legioners and 1119 two cents a week givers are reported.

The number of societies enrolled varies somewhat from time to time, but 8 new Societies against 13 disbanded, gives this year a balance of 5 upon the wrong side of the page.

We have 9 Representatives upon the Field. To this number I think we might add the name of Mrs. W. B. Allison, of Guatemala City. Since the Bement Endeavors gave $313.32 toward her support last year.

At present none of these workers are in the homeland. All are finding more than their hands can do at their several stations.

TABULATED STATEMENT OF GIFTS.

Presbytery	C. E.	Bands, etc.
Alton	$ 126 47	$
Bloomington	1186 01	123 50
Chicago	1536 91	809 35
Freeport	317 82	31 31
Mattoon	85 04	35 00
Ottawa	115 05	
Peoria	196 00	218 00
Rock River	402 56	71 45
Schuyler	686 95	12 11
Springfield	148 29	239 06
Total	$4801 10	$1539 78

What of the future? Our President has chosen as our year text Caleb's prayer to Joshua—"Give me this mountain." His request was granted. He went in and possessed the land—subduing the people thereof, but it meant for him more trust in

God; a closer walk with Him; more effort and more struggle. It was no easy task. As we stand at the threshold of another Synodical year we ask God that it may be our best. It means to us what Caleb's request meant to him—more trust in God; a closer walk with Him; more effort; more giving of self, but, shall we not, like Caleb, go in and possess the land?

Respectfully submitted,

FANNY F. CLELAND, Synodical Sec. Young People's Work.

VIII. REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S SYNODICAL SOCIETY FOR HOME MISSIONS.

FOR YEAR ENDING APRIL 1, 1905.

The Woman's Synodical Home Missionary Society may be likened to a bee-farm. The bee-keeper, otherwise known as "General" Robinson, has supervision of the farm, and gives directions when to add top-sections, how to capture new swarms, etc.

The hives are kept in eleven distinct yards and the honey from each is weighed at the end of the year. Of all these, the yard labelled Chicago contains the most hives and produces the most honey. The yard called Ottawa contained the fewest hives last year and the one known as Cairo yielded the least honey. Each hive of bees has a good queen for President, and there are 8242 workers in all. There are many drones flying about, and but few of them have been induced to enter the hives and go to work. The workers are too busy to kill them off, as genuine bees do. However there are 756 more workers than last year, and from April 1st, 1904 to April 1st, 1905 they sent off honey to the amount of $21,707.00

It is the aim to have in connection with each strong swarm, a hive of little bees; but as it is very difficult to secure queens for these little swarms, there have been only 49 of them hived and at work this year. They have produced $1,158 worth of honey. In addition to these, there were 78 stands of Sunday School bees, which contributed $1,209 worth of their honey to our work the past year. The Christian Endeavor bees, also, added $1,793 worth of honey, and the Junior Endeavor bees $194, making a grand total of $27,531 worth from the whole apiary.

For the present year the sections have been piled high on

the main boxes, and each bee-yard is expected to add at least 15 per cent to the amount produced by it last year which was as follows:

Presbytery.	Home Missions.	Freedmen.
Alton	$ 639 36	$
Bloomington	2563 64	670 79
Cairo	420 50	66 45
Chicago	11039 57	1810 27
Freeport	848 97	561 44
Mattoon	725 49	621 02
Ottawa	367 24	339 63
Peoria	1373 00	384 00
Rock River	1165 57	111 41
Schuyler	1088 62	358 96
Springfield	1799 91	574 70
Total	$22032 87	$5498 67

By way of food, our bee-keeper and her assistants insist that each hive shall be provided with Magazines of information, and that the little swarms shall feed on and digest "Over Sea and Land;" and that Home Mission literature of all descriptions shall abound about the hives. With all their efforts there is yet only one "Home Mission Monthly" magazine to each five workers, and that may be the reason it is such hard work to increase the amount of honey produced.

Two more Bands and twenty-one more Sunday Schools have contributed to us this year than last. In addition to the above, many boxes of valuable articles have been sent out to the various mission fields worth $4965.32, although the cash expended on them was only $1541.09.

This Missionary honey is sent out to sweeten the bitter places of our land, and to give food in the desert places. The Alaskans, the Indians, the Mormons, the Mexicans, the Negroes, the Mountaineers, the Porto Ricans and the Foreigners are all waiting for it. Every such district receives a little of it,—but such a little that there is scarcely a taste all round. And those who receive a taste only, are hungering and calling for more; for the "law of the Lord" which "is perfect," "is more to be desired than gold, yea than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the honey-comb."

MRS. G. B. SAFFORD, Ass't. Sec.
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IX. EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SYNODICAL SECRETARY FOR FREEDMEN.

Synod of Illinois, October 1904—October 1905.

Longfellow truly wrote:

"Standing with reluctant feet,
Where the brook and river meet
Womanhood and childhood fleet.
Gazing with a timid glance,
On the brooklet's swift advance
On the river's broad expanse—"

For opportunities and responsibilities great and almost undreamed of, 18 years ago, by us have grown to gigantic proportions. "America is the wardrobe of the earth; the wheat bin of the hemisphere; the corn crib of all nations; the purveyor of meats to all markets; the successful competitor for the commerce of the globe and the head-banker of the world." Would that we could as truly declare her equally engaged in securing fullest justice and freedom to all beneath her stars and stripes. Josiah Strong in "The New Era" says "He does most to Christianize the world and hasten the coming of the kingdom, who does most to make thoroughly Christian these United States." "Therefore," he adds, "my plea is not save America for America's sake, but save America for the World's sake."

Today we meet to consider how fully we, as Presbyterial Societies, Local Societies and individuals have attained our high privilege as world-savers. Have we done all in our power to impress for good those most eager to learn of all in our land—our Freedmen? Who dares make reply! Let us on this 18th anniversary rally to our Freedmen's work with a far deeper spirit of consecration. To us and for them it is preach or perish, evangelize or heathenize. Let us go forth with girded loins and burning lamps. In submitting this 18th Annual Report, first of all I would humbly acknowledge God's goodness in granting me health and strength for the arduous duties of all the years. Also that the same blessing has rested upon those, so faithfully associated in the years gone by, as a Synodical Committee—Mrs. Ella Brainard and Mrs. Mary Carriel. The Lord has answered your prayers and ours, just in proportion as they have been soul-filled. To us ever he has said: "Bring me yet a vessel;" and our short faith has had to acknowledge: "There is not a vessel more." We have limited Him, not He us. He has

wonderfully established our work and is entrenching it in the hearts of our Synod. My very soul cries out again and again: "God bless the faithful 'standbys' " and reward them abundantly for their labors and for their messages of love and cheer that come daily to my office.

Time will not permit a full review of the years, but from that memorable hour in the meeting at Oak Park in 1887, when in utter silence we waited and waited and waited for some one, some where to pledge the first dollar for some systematic work for Freedmen by women and Y. P. of Illinois, from that hour to the present time—by devious ways, in sunshine and shade, but never in darkness—for He is our Light, have Freedmen's interests advanced in Illinois. Today, as acknowledged by Missionary magazines and other vouchers including the gifts of 1904 and 1905, of $9088.64 (a bequest of $2270.80) we can report $116.-902.79 cash as the gifts of Illinois women, young people and children for Freedmen, in these 18 years. Nor does this sum include several large gifts sent direct to the field here and there the exact amounts being known only to the givers and God, also numerous valuable "boxes" sent each year to the field.

The main buildings at Cotton Plant and Monticello, Ark., with the salaries of five of the teachers, the pretty church and school building at Hot Springs entirely, the buildings at Oak Hill, Richard Allen and Swift in part, and very largely the Mary Holmes Seminary, together with salary of our teacher at Mary Allen, four at Mary Holmes and one at Ingleside with a goodly number of scholarships in many schools from Virginia and North Carolina to Texas, these, these are the "stones of witness" which we of Illinois have set up and helped to maintain during these 18 years in the Black Belt—lights to lighten the Southland and the world. And great are these lights. Would you know how great? Go yourself to the field and hear and feel the gratitude of lives and of communitites revolutionized by them. To the prophet Haggai it was given "to encourage the builders." Truly we have cause for great gratitude and praise to God.

"How can we be faint-hearted
So strong his arm hath been
So rich and fair the Harvests,
These blessed years have seen.
With deeper consecration
In days to come may we,
By Him upheld, press forward
And greater triumphs see."

During the last year, October 1904—October 1905, as your Synodical Secretary 1093 letters and postals have been sent to Women's Societies, Christian Endeavors and individuals in the state and 68 addresses have been made, while one or more copies of the Bulletin have gone regularly to every Society, "a tongue for the dumb and him who hath few helpers." Let me heartily thank every Society that has sent in its list of subscribers. It is your paper, sisters, as truly as mine. There is not one penny in it for me personally, and never has been, is not intended to be . It is absolutely for the benefit of the sorely needy cause of Freedmen. God has graciously and marvelously accepted and blest its messages. Let you and me help Him more than ever by circulating it more fully. We want 1000 new names by January 1, 1906. Shall we have them? Send in your lists.

While so successful as a whole, the year has also been marked by strange and trying experiences. Of the trouble at Monticello, so unexpected, for all seemed so fair for the long anticipated new building—the contract being let, all the materials ordered, part of them on the soil and ground already broken—of this I need not speak again, the full report being in the May Bulletin. But you will all be so glad to know that our faithful Dr. and Mrs. Mebane are now at 105 Cliff Street, Hot Springs, Ark., the Board having commissioned him to try to gather the few scattered sheep of our little church there and to have a "parochial" (primary day school) in basement of our pretty church building there. The field is hard but prospects are excellent. While the Board recognizes the school as only a "parochial" a goodly number of the old Monticello pupils, despite their poverty, with undaunted determination to secure a thorough education have declared their purpose to follow the loved leaders to Hot Springs. So Dr. Mebane has, at his own risk, trusting the Lord for the outcome, rented a larger house than otherwise and will pack them away as well as possible, and have a sewing and music department in the school. At Monticello house rent was furnished and needed supplies in the little town were cheap. At Hot Springs, so great a health resort, rent, fuel and the really needful supplies are all high, but notwithstanding a cut in salary from $35 and rent, to $25 and no rent, they feel the God of Elijah will not forget them as they strive earnestly for the true Christian character of their race.

To Monticello last April the Board sent a new man "to look after the property, make himself acquainted with the situation and determine the advisability of resuming school work." What

the outcome will eventually be is yet to be seen and known. The whole affair was and is sad in the extreme, and so unjust all around. Yet in our Father's own time and way we are sure a far greater good will appear. Jacob declared "all these things are against me," when they were long steps toward the throne. Let us cling close to Jesus, and trust fully in every hour. He never leaves nor forsakes His faithful children.

At Cotton Plant work has been most satisfactory, but they need so greatly their new building, "Niccolls Hall." Having met our pledges, we of Illinois and other Synods too, thought we had done well for the required $10,000, but, when "returns" were all in only $6,000 had been given, so, again, the Board asks Illinois women to make up $2,000 of the $4,000 lacking, as our "special" for 1905-6. Not a nail or board can be ordered till the money is in hand for payment. Do let us make great effort and raise our apportionments as Presbyteries by January 1, 1906, thus marking our 18th anniversary. Be sure to designate "for Cotton Plant Building Fund," and please do not as Presb'l Treasurers forward one penny of Freedmen's money for "General Fund" this year. Turn all such toward this C. P. Building Fund, that it may be finished up.

"We all can do more than we have done
And not be a whit the worse,
It never was loving that emptied the heart,
Nor giving that emptied the purse."

The grand request of all societies is for an increase of 15 per cent over last year's gifts for Freedmen. It is the "Advance movement" for our Southland and may include the Cotton Plant Fund. The Lord's command is "Go forward," and His promise, "Lo, I am with you always." "The King's business demands haste." Did time permit we would love to tell of Mary Allen, Scotia, Ingleside, Brainard, Barbom and Swift with Arkadelphia, Pine Bluff, Brinkley, Camden and Hope, Ark., where our treasurers are on interest for the Lord. At the Mary Holmes Seminary the year was remarkably successful. If the Holy Spirit ever brooded constantly anywhere, drawing one soul after another to Himself and His service, it is that dear school. Yellow fever quarantine and the early floods have greatly reduced the colored people's financial outlook so that scholarship funds will be more in demand than for some time. Owing to quarantine laws, it is not likely the schools of Alabama, Mississippi, Texas, Arkansas and Indian Territory will be able to open till "frost comes," a sad disappointment to all concerned.

And now, dear sisters, what are we to do? After the battle of Bunker Hill, General Washington asked but one question—"Did the militia stand fire?" "Yes." "Then," said Washington, "our independence is won." Not the leaders only, but the great rank and file decide the issues of a battle. So the destiny of our Freedmen and hence of the Nation depends on concerted action and importunate prayer. In the industrial world the needs are the measure of tomorrow's work. Shall we Christian women be slack? All which is submitted,

MARY E. HOLMES,

Syn. Secretary of Freedmen and Sec. of N. West.

Rockford, Illinois.

Tabulated Statement of Cash Contributed by the Presbyterian Women, Young People and Sunday Schools of Illinois, for Freedmen. Oct. '04—Oct. '05.

PRESBYTERY.	Women's Societies Contributing	Amount Contributed	Y. P's. Societies Contributing	Amount Contributed	S. S's. Contributing	Amount Contributed	Individual and Special Gifts	Legacies	Total
Alton	12	$ 86 30	6	$ 80 50	2	$ 7 36	$	$	$ 174 16
Bloomington	26	607 00	18	110 42	2	30 00			747 42
Cairo	20	98 00	11	68 45	2	4 50			170 95
Chicago	44	1551 36	13	84 33	12	190 86	75 00		1901 52
Freeport	28	541 40	12	146 78	2	8 15	*653 10		1349 43
Mattoon	20	575 00	1	5 00					580 00
Ottawa	15	225 45	5	55 45	4	59 00	37 00		376 90
Peoria	21	328 70	8	87 00	3	31 00	3 00		449 70
Rock River	15	109 00	1	5 00	1	6 00			120 00
Schuyler	17	307 00	8	35 00	2	21 00		†2270 80	2633 80
Springfield	19	359 60	9	151 00	8	55 10	19 00		584 76
Totals	233	4788 81	92	828 90	38	412 97	787 10	2270 80	9088 64

* Also $600 given by a lady for another state and not included in the above.
† Legacy of Mrs. Susie Harding, Monmouth, Ill.

Whole amount given for Freedmen during these 18 years, $116,902.79, besides "boxes" and some "specials".

BANNER SOCIETIES, OCT. 1904–1905.

Presbytery	Women's Societies	Young Peoples Soc's.	Sunday Schools
Alton	Carrollton $ 21 00	Carrollton $37 50	Hillsboro $3 00
Bloomington	Fairbury 105 00	Bloomington 2d 30 00	Danville 25 00
Cairo	Murphysboro 10 00 Carbondale 10 00	Ava 25 00	Anna 2 00
Chicago	4th Church 315 00	Campbell Pk 15 00	Oak Park 42 07
Freeport	Rockford 1st 90 50	Galena 1st 56 15	Forreston (Ger). 5 60
Mattoon	Assumption 171 21	Shelbyville 5 00	
Ottawa	Mendota 51 50	Aux Sable Gr've 13 70	Mendota 40 00
Peoria	Elmira 117 00	Canton 50 00	Delevan 11 00
Rock River	Geneseo 17 00	Garden Plain 2 00	Rock Is. Br'dw'y 6 00
Schuyler	Monmouth 99 50	Wythe 10 00	Carthage 15 00
Springfield	Decatur 41 25	Springfield 2d 93 00	Decatur 25 00

X. SYNODICAL COMMITTEE.

Alton Presbytery	Mrs. James Hood	Sparta
	Miss Mary Ellis	Carrollton
	Mrs. J. A. Campbell	E. St. Louis
Bloomington Presbytery	Mrs. E. W. Alvord	Bement
	Mrs. D. S. McCaslin	Hoopeston
	Mrs. S. C. Black	Clinton
Cairo Presbytery	Mrs. T. E. Spilman	DuQuoin
	Mrs. C. H. Wiley	Anna
	Mrs. J. M. Lansden	Cairo
Chicago Presbytery	Mrs. W. C. Craig	Chicago
	Mrs. J. W. Helmer	Chicago
	Mrs. D. D. Carter	Chicago
	Mrs. E. H. Curtis	Chicago
Freeport Presbytery	Miss Anna Felt	Galena
	Miss Agnes McMichael	Caledonia
	Mrs. H. L. Moore	Freeport
Mattoon Presbytery	Mrs. J. A. Piper	Charleston
	Mrs. C. D. Jerauld	Vandalia
	Mrs. J. W. Hunter	Paris
Ottawa Presbytery	Mrs. D. K. Campbell	Ottawa
	Mrs. J. D. McCaughtry	Streator
	Mrs. Martin	Rochelle
Peoria Presbytery	Mrs. Robert C. Grier	Peoria
	Mrs. B. Y. George	Elmwood
	Mrs. S. O. Loughridge	Peoria
Rock River Presbytery	Mrs. W. S. Marquis	Rock Island
	Mrs. Wilson E. Donaldson	Sterling
	Mrs. J. M. Wallace	Aledo
Schuyler Presbytery	Mrs. W. R. King	Monmouth
	Mrs. M. P. Ormsby	Warsaw
	Mrs. S. L. Allison	Rushville
Springfield Presbytery	Mrs. Clinton Conkling	Springfield
	Mrs. B. H. Brainerd	Lincoln
	Mrs. C. C. Brown	Springfield

XI. WOMAN'S SYNODICAL SOCIETY FOR HOME MISSIONS IN SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.

President—Mrs. Charles W. Robinson, Bloomington.
Vice-Presidents—Mrs. Edwin C. Ely, Peoria; Mrs. N. S. Bergen, Lincoln; Mrs. J. Ross Mills, Rock Island; Mrs. William A. Dean, Chicago; Mrs. H. R. Taylor, Springfield; Mrs. J. E. Bangs, Springfield.
Secretary-Treasurer of Contingent Fund—Mrs. Margaret C. Monroe, 6008 Union Avenue, Chicago.
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. George B. Safford, 223 S. 52d Ave., Austin.
Secretary of Freedmen's Department—Miss Mary E. Holmes, Rockford.
Secretary of Literature—Mrs. A. H. Dean, 5036 Washington Park Place, Chicago.
Secretary of Young People's Department—Miss Louise Frackelton, Petersburg.

SUMMARY FOR 1905

Number of Societies	307	
Number of Members	8242	
Number of Meetings Held	2811	
Number of Young Women's Societies and Bands	49	
Number of Sunday Schools Contributing	78	
Amount from Societies		$21707 05
Amount from Young Women's Societies and Bands		1158 39
Amount from Sunday Schools		1209 71
Amount from Y. P. S. or Y. P. S. C. E.		1793 53
Amount from Junior Societies		194 34
Other Sources		1468 52
Total		27531 54
Of this amount for Freedmen		5498 67
Copies of "H. M. M." taken	1689	
Copies of "O. S. and L." taken	922	
Contingent Fund		$ 1656 03
Value of Boxes		4965 32
Money actually expended on boxes		1541 09

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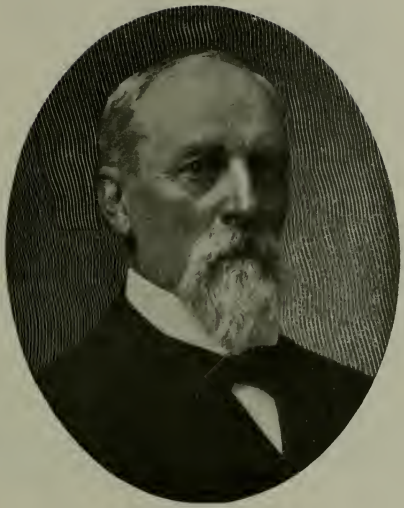

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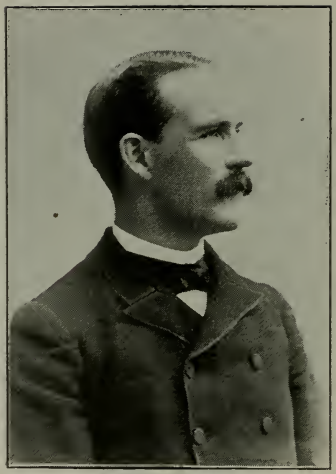

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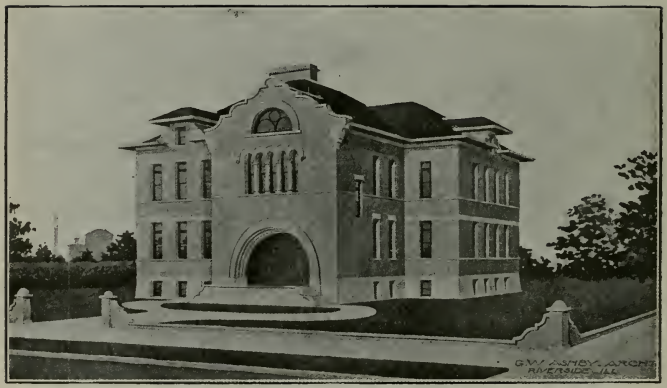

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THE MINUTES OF

THE SYNOD OF ILLINOIS

IN SESSION AT EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL.,

October 16, 1906.

The Synod of Illinois met according to appointment on October 16, 1906, in the Presbyterian church of East St. Louis, Illinois, and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, the Rev. W. S. Marquis, from II Timothy, 2:19. Theme: "The Ground of Confidence in the Crisis which Confronts Christianity." After the sermon the Synod was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The report of the Committee on Selection of Permanent Clerk was read by the Stated Clerk and was adopted as follows:

To the Synod of Illinois:

The Committee to whom was assigned the duty of selecting a Permanent Clerk, would respectfully report the name of the Rev. C. Harmon Johnson of Chicago Presbytery, Pastor of South Park Presbyterian Church of Chicago, son of the Rev. Dr. D. S. Johnson, for so many years the Stated Clerk of the Synod of Illinois, and himself the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of St. Cloud, Minn., for ten years. It is but right to say that in the selection of a Permanent Clerk the Committee was embarrassed by the very abundance of good material for this responsible office. The choice finally came to our brother, the Rev. C. Harmon Johnson, because he is a member of Chicago

Presbytery, to which the office was generally conceded. and because of his large experience in clerical work.

Respectfully,
EDWARD H. CURTIS.
WM. E. ARCHIBALD,
ROBERT WALLACE,
Committee.

The roll was called, which is as follows:

ALTON PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—L. H. Schock, J. R. McIlroy, Virgil B. Scott, Thos. W. Lingle, R. L. Evans, Chas. F. Wilson, F. P. Witherspoon.

Elders—Frank Carson, W. F. Dillman, Walter Beckwith, H. B. Warner, James Hepburn. —12

BLOOMINGTON PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—D. S. McCaslin, C. S. Adams, W. D. Smith, Robert Bradley, H. H. Shawhan, H. G. Gleiser, E. W. Clippinger, L. F. Cooper, S. W. Findley, J. A. Liggitt.

Elders—L. H. Smith 2, Edward Bigelow 2, J. A. Montelius, Wm. M. Camp, W. B. Rundle, E. S. Cunningham, T. C. McCaughey. —17

CAIRO PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—M. C. Stonecipher, B. F. Guille, L. M. Scroggs, A. S. Buchanan, F. E. Birkett.

Elders—Geo. Entsminger, J. B Porter, M. Blanchard, E. E. Willis, J. J. Pierson. —10

CHICAGO PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—F. M. Carson, W. S. P. Bryan, C. H. Johnson, A. C. Manson, E. N. Ware, W. T. Wilcox, A. L. Benton, W. E. Donaldson, G. N. Luccock, F. H. Geselbracht, C. G. Reynolds, E. B. Hubbell, W. F. Goff, W. W. Johnstone, H. S. Jenkinson, J. H. Kerr, Alexander Lewis, W. H. Matthews, Jas. MacLagan, A. A. Pfanstiehl, F. N. Riale, F. R. Rosebro, H. J. Wiegand, G. P. Williams, A. G. Work, G. E. Young, W. L. Porter, L. M. Belden, H. W. Johnston.

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FREEPORT PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—T. S. Scott, R. D. Kearns, J. L. Tait, S. L. McAmis, Theodore Balcoff, R. M. Crissman.

Elders—John Sillers, Henry Richart, W. Gregory, John Dittmar, Henry Moring, Charles Erbe. —12

MATTOON PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—E. B. Landis, S. M. Morton, R. B. Irwin, H. A. Bradford, W. J. Caldwell.

Elders—A. A. Eiler, S. F. Wilson, M. J. Naphew, Louis Eiler, J. W. Tate. —10

OTTAWA PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—Jos. H. Stevenson, Henry Hepburn 2, C. J. Wilson, Henry Love, J. S. Martin. —6

Elder—R. M. Antrim.

PEORIA PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—Hugh Jack, B. Y. George, W. J. Manifold, John Weston, A. R. Mathes, C. E. Alexander, Benj. Thomas.

Elders—John N. Irwin, Willis E. Reed, F. L. Clemans, J. E. Armstrong, Chas. H. Northrup. —12

ROCK RIVER PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—W. C. Crofts, C. M. Robb, H. Cullen, W. B. Smith, T. R. Johnson, C. F. Moore 2, C. S. West 2. —2

Elders—H. P. Salmon, A. H. Crossman 2, S. F. Burrows. —10

SCHUYLER PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—J. H. Bratton, S. R. Boyd, J. M. Thompson, W. T. Reynolds, E. M. Clingan, J. L. Hartsook, J. K. Bliss.

Elders—L. E. Ohler, J. M. Dunlap, W. H. Laird, J. W. Gordon, G. T. Jennings, J. P. Moore. —13

SPRINGFIELD PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—W. H. Penhallegon, G. C. Lenington, E. C. Pires, A. B. Morey, Ellis M. Steen 2.

Elders—T. B. McMurray, Wm. Schermerhorn, W. I. Kincaid. —8

Ministers present 93, Elders present 66. Total number of Delegates, 159.

The following were invited to sit as Corresponding members :

Rev. D. E. Bushnell, of the Synod of Illinois A.
Rev. G. W. Williams, of the Synod of Illinois A.
Rev. E. B. Surface, of the Synod of Illinois A.
Rev. J. M. Johnstone, of the Synod of Illinois A.
Rev. A. G. Bergen, of the Synod of Illinois A.
Rev. A. F. Zeigel, of the Synod of Illinois A.
Rev. W. J. Darby, of the Synod of Indiana A.
Rev. Hunter Corbett, of the Synod of China Northern.
Rev. T. H. Cleland, of the Synod of Minnesota.
Rev. Chas. Evans, of the Synod of Missouri.
Rev. Chas. L. Thompson, of the Synod of New York.
Rev. S. C. Palmer, of the Synod of Missouri.
Rev. F. W. Russell, of the Synod of Missouri.

Ruling Elder S. F. Wilson, of the Presbytery of Mattoon, was elected Moderator.

The new Moderator appointed as Vice-Moderator Rev. W. H. Penhallegon, D. D., of the Presbytery of Springfield.

Rev. W. F, Goff. of the Presbytery of Chicago, and Rev. C. M. Robb, of the Presbytery of Rock River, were elected Temporary Clerks.

The Stated Clerk presented the Program of Synod. It was adopted as printed, and is as follows :

PROGRAM.

Tuesday Evening, October 16, 1906.

7:30 Sermon by Moderator, Rev. Wm. S. Marquis, D. D.
8:30 Synod constituted with prayer.
Report of Committee on Selection of Permanent Clerk, Rev. E. H. Curtis, Chairman.

Roll call.
Election of Moderator and Temporary Clerks.
Adoption of Program.
Report of Committee of Arrangements.

Wednesday Morning, October 17, 1906.

8:30 The Communion of the Lord's Supper.
9:00 Completion of the Roll. Reading Minutes.
Introduction of corresponding members.
Announcement of standing committees.
Records of Presbyteries and papers distributed.
Report of Stated Clerk and Treasurer.
9:30 Report of Committee on Incorporation of Synod, Mr. Charles S. Holt, Chairman.
9:45 Address, Rev. W. J. Darby, D. D., representing Boards of Education and Ministerial Relief.
10:00 Christian Education.
Report—Rev. W. S. P. Bryan, Chairman.
The New Place of Christian Education.
The Increase of our Ministry.
The Colleges of our Synod.
The Academies of our Synod.
The Aid of Colleges through our College Board.
The Religious Work at the State University.
12:00 Address, Dr. Thomas S. Cleland, Secretary Am. Tract Society.
12:30 Recess.

Wednesday Afternoon, October 17, 1906.

2:00 Devotional Service.
2:10 Report on Bills and Overtures.
2:20 Report of Judicial Committee.
2:30 Foreign Missions.
Report, Rev. W. S. Marquis, Chairman.
Questionaire.
Address, Rev. Hunter Corbett, Chefoo, China.
3:30 The Spiritual Life of the Church.
Report, Rev. Daniel Breeze, Chairman.
4:00 Welcome and Greeting of Representative of former C. P. Synod.

Wednesday Evening, October 17, 1906.

7:30 Service of Praise and Prayer.
Address—Rev. Hunter Corbett, D. D., Chefoo, China.
Address, "Home Missions," Rev. E. L. Williams.

Thursday Morning, October 18, 1906.

8:30 Devotional Fellowship.
9:00 Minutes read.
Reports of Standing Committees.
On Finances.
On Minutes of General Assembly.
On Records of Presbyteries.
Next place of meeting.
Miscellaneous Business.
10:00 Home Missions.
Report—Rev. Thomas D. Logan, Chairman.
Report of Treasurer—Rev. A. R. Bickenbach.
Report and Address of Superintendent—Rev. Edgar L. Williams.
Discussion of Home Missions by the Synod.
Address—Rev. C. L. Thompson, D. D., Sec. H. M. Board.
12:00 Address—Rev. John Fox, D. D., Sec. American Bible Society.
12:30 Recess.

Thursday Afternoon, October 18, 1906.

2:00 General Church Work.
Report—Rev. L. H. Schock, Chairman.
Address—"Work of the Anti-Saloon League," Rev. J. K. Shields.
Address, "Our Relation to the Anti-Saloon League," Rev. A. A. Pfanstiehl.
3:20 The Youth of the Church.
Report—Rev. S. W. Findley, Chairman.
Address, "The Duty of the Church to Her Youth," Rev. F. W. Russell, Pastor West Presb. Church, St. Louis.
Discussion.
4:20 Report of Committee on Attendance and Absence.
Miscellaneous Business.

Thursday Evening, October 18, 1906.

7:30 Service of Song and Worship.
8:00 Address, "Home Missions," Rev. Chas. L. Thompson. D. D., Sec. of Board of Home Missions.
8:30 Address, "Christian Education," Rev. M. Bross Thomas, D. D., Lake Forest College.

The Committee on Arrangements presented the following names of brethren to officiate at the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper tomorrow morning :

Ministers J. H. Bratton and J. H. Stevenson. Elders E. H. Bottom, W. B. Rundell, Geo. Entsminger, C. D. B. Howell, W. L. Gregory, S. F. Wilson, T. A. Forsyth, J. N. Irwin, S. F. Burrows, L. E. Ohler, Wm. Schermerhorn.

The Synod adjourned with prayer to meet at 8:30 o'clock tomorrow.

Wednesday Morning, 8:30 O'clock.

After the administration of the Lord's Supper, Synod was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer was offered by Rev. C. Harmon Johnson. The roll was completed. The minutes of last evening's session were read and approved. The Moderator announced the following standing committees :

STANDING COMMITTEES.

BILLS AND OVERTURES.

Rev. C. G. Reynolds, Rev. F. M. Carson, Rev. E. M. Clingcan, J. N. Irwin, Louis Eiler.

JUDICIAL BUSINESS.

Rev. B. Y. George, Rev. D. S. McCaslin, Rev. A. B. Morey, Rev. H. G. Gleiser, Wm. Schermerhorn, W. Beckwith, Geo. Entsminger.

MINUTES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Rev. Geo. P. Williams, Rev. S. M. Morton, Rev. Geo. C. Lennington, Rev. H. Cullen, J. M. Dunlap.

FINANCE AND TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.

Wm. M. Camp, R. B. Irwin, A. A. Pawling.

ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCE.

Rev. W. E. Archibald, Rev. E. B. Landis, Rev. B. M. Chrisman, Rev. F. E. Birkett, W. H. Robertson.

Committee on Records of Presbyteries.

Chairman—REV. W. E. DONALDSON.

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Rev. G. N. Luccock, Rev. W. H. Mathews, S. DeBruine.

BLOOMINGTON.

Rev. C. F. Wilson, Rev. T. W. Lingle, Rev. J. Hepburn.

CAIRO.

Rev. E. W. Clippinger, Rev. R. Bradley, J. A. Montelius.

CHICAGO.

Rev. B. F. Guille, Rev. A. S. Buchanan, E. E. Willis.

FREEPORT.

Rev. E. N. Ware, Rev. A. Lewis, J. Scott.

MATTOON.

Rev. T. S. Scott, Rev. R. D. Kearns, W. L. Gregory.

OTTAWA.

Rev. W. J. Caldwell, Rev. H. A. Bradford, A. A. Eiler.

PEORIA.

Rev. C. J. Wilson, Rev. H. Love, Rev. J. S. Martin.

ROCK RIVER.

Rev. W. H. Mathews, Rev. C. E. Alexander, Rev. J. Weston.

SCHUYLER.

Rev. W. T. Wilcox, Rev. T. R. Johnson, S. F. Burrows.

SPRINGFIELD.

Rev. J. R. Thompson, Rev. F. E. Birkett, Rev. J. K. Bliss.

The Stated Clerk presented the papers in his hands and they were referred to the appropriate committees.

The Stated Clerk presented his report as Treasurer of Synod, and it was referred to the Finance Committee.

The report of the Stated Clerk was read and adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF STATED CLERK.

The Stated Clerk respectfully reports:

1 That he has received the reports from the Presbyteries, and recommends that they be placed in the appendix of Minutes.

2 That he has received the usual reports from the Women's Missionary societies and recommends that they be printed in the appendix.

3 That in response to the reception of the resolution passed by our Synod last year (Min. p. 389) the Hon. C. S. Deneen, Governor of Illinois, sent the following letter to the Stated Clerk:

"STATE OF ILLINOIS,

"Executive Department,

"Springfield, November 28, 1905."

"Dear Sir:—

"I thank you very much for the copy of the resolution passed by the Synod of Illinois at its meeting at Champaign in October, regarding the races at Libertyville. I assure you, and through you the members of the Synod, I appreciate the same very much. Yours truly,

"C. H. DENEEN."

"Rev. George J. E. Richards, Mt. Carmel, Illinois."

4 He recommends that a committee of five be appointed by the Moderator to nominate for the ensuing year, the Permanent Committees on The Spiritual Life of the Church, The Youth of the Church and on General Church Work, attention being given, as far as possible to the expressed will of the Presbyteries in regard to their representatives on said committees; these committees to cease serving when committees shall have been appointed for the consolidated Synod.

5 That he has on hand about twenty copies of the Minutes constituting the present volume 1902-1906, and recommends that one volume shall be bound besides the official copy.

6 Inasmuch as there are about 150 ministers and 200 churches in the Synod of Illinois A, that we anticipate will unite with us during the year, he recommends that 150 additional copies of the Minutes of the Synod be printed.

7 At the invitation of the Stated Clerk of the Synod of Illinois "A" the Moderator of this Synod, the Stated and Permanent Clerks and Revs. T. D. Logan, D. D., and H. H. Shawhan and Elders Wm. M. Camp and Chas. T. Yeomans attended the said Synod on Wednesday, Oct. 3, 1906, extended our fraternal greetings and

conferred with brethren of the Synod concerning plans for the consolidation of the two Synods and the Presbyteries under their care.

It is recommended that the Railroad expenses of said brethren, amounting to $12.85, be paid out of the Mileage fund of the Synod.

8 That we may act in harmony with the Plan of Union found in the Minutes of the General Assembly for 1904, pages 135-139 which, in its third Declaration reads "The boundaries of the several Presbyteries and Synods shall be adjusted by the General Assembly of the United Church;" and in accord with the advice of Dr. W. H. Roberts, S. C. of the General Assembly and Chairman Committee on Co-operation and Unon, and in harmony with the action taken by the Synod of Illinois "A," it is recommended that this Synod appoint a Committee of seven members besides the Moderator, who shall act as an advisory member, which shall jointly with a similar Committee already appointed by the Synod of Illinois "A" be given full power to act upon the following matters and such others as necessarily are involved therein, viz:

I Prepare for submission to the General Assembly of 1907, (1) A plan for the adjustment of the boundaries of the Presbyteries of both Synods with a view to consolidation. (2) Arrangements as to the name, date and place of meeting of the Consolidated Synod in the Fall of 1907.

II Appoint Joint Permanent Committees on Missions, Education, S. S. Work, etc., to conduct our Christian work within the bounds of the two Synods until the meeting of the United Synod.

It is also recommended that the Moderator appoint this Committee and be authorized to fill all vacancies that may occur in the same, and that the Treasurer of the Synod be directed to pay all necessary expenses of the Committee out of the funds of the Synod.

The report of the Special Committee on Incorporation of Synod was presented by Elder Wm. M. Camp. The report was received and action on the resolution deferred till later in the session. Following is the report as amended and finally adopted:

The Committee appointed by the Synod of 1905, "with

authority to secure a proper incorporation of the Synod of Illinois as soon as practicable" (See minutes of Synod 1905, pp. 355, 387), respectfully reports that upon careful consideration it has not seen the way clear to proceed with the incorporation without further instruction from Synod on the questions hereinafter mentioned.

It would be necessary to act under the statute relating to "Corporations not for pecuniary profit." The machinery of this Act is simple and the powers conferred are reasonably broad. The serious difficulties arise in connection with the two matters of corporate purposes and membership.

1. As to the corporate purposes.

The statute requires that the certificate of incorporation shall state "the particular business and objects for which it is formed." Your Committee finds it difficult to define the work which is to be under the supervision of the proposed corporation. There is no particular part of the work of the Church at large which is committed to the Synod in the same sense in which, for example, Home Mission work is committed to the Presbytery, and the questions here are similar to those which would arise upon an attempt to incorporate the Presbytery itself.

If the incorporated Synod is to have charge of all the interests which by the constitution of our Church are committed to the ecclesiastical Synod, then those interests should be either catalogued in detail in the articles of incorporation or recited comprehensively as being "the work which is entrusted to the Synod of Illinois by the constitution of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, and by legislation had from time to time in pursuance thereof."

The former method seems impracticable as well as inelastic, not allowing for future changes in the jurisdiction and functions of the Synod. The latter method, beside being doubtful from the ecclesiastical side, raises a serious question whether it really states any corporate object at all, or simply devolves the whole matter upon an outside body. If it should be held to have the latter effect, gifts or bequests to the incorporated Synod might well be held invalid.

If it is proposed to entrust to the incorporated Synod only a part of the functions of the ecclesiastical Synod, the relations between the two bodies would need to be considered with very great care in stating the objects of incorporation, though not necessarily fully expressed therein. The real purpose of incorporation no doubt is the taking and holding of property; but

that is not admissible as a primary corporate purpose. The law empowers corporations to take, hold and dispose of real and personal property "for the purposes of their organization;" but such property-holding must be incidental to some other corporate purpose. The law empowers corporations to take, hold and dispose of real and personal property "for the purposes of their organization;" but such property holding must be incidental to some other corporate purpose. It is not easy to define what part, less than the whole, of the functions and purposes of the ecclesiastical Synod should be devolved upon the legal corporation as the basis for its ownership of property. There is a double danger here: If the ecclesiastical Synod attempts to divest itself of those functions which it turns over to the legal corporation, it probably violates the constitution of the Church; if it attempts to confer certain functions and powers upon the legal corporation and at the same time retain them within its own control, it is equally probable that it would violate the State law, and make the attempted incorporation ineffectual. For it seems to be clear that the State law contemplates a corporation which shall be self-governing, and not one which shall have a mere shadow of control of its own affairs while the real control rests elsewhere.

On the other hand if the statement of corporate purposes should contain no reference to the ecclesiastical Synod (as, for example, "for religious and educational purposes,") there is danger that the corporation might be more independent than it would be wise to make it. Perhaps the least dangerous form of statement along this line would be "for religious and educational purposes associated with and in harmony with the purposes of the Synod of Illinois of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. of A." But this or any other form should not be adopted without most careful scrutiny.

2. As to Membership.

This question is closely associated with that of corporate purposes. The statute empowers the trustees of corporations to prescribe by by-law the qualification of members of the corporation, and further provides that the trustees after the first year shall be elected from the members of the corporation. It is provided in the articles of incorporation of some corporations associated with ecclesiastical bodies that the membership shall consist of such persons as may from time to time occupy specified offices in the ecclesiastical bodies. There is room for possible doubt whether this method furnishes a real annual election from among the members as required by statute; it seems

rather to turn over the whole subject to the permanent control of a body outside of the legal corporation.

If the practice is correct, it would seem to be equally proper to provide that the trustees or managers of the legal corporation should be those persons who might from time to time be designated as such, and that by their appointment and acceptance they should become members of the corporation. This does not technically comply with the statute, which seems to require that the trustees shall be members of the corporation at the time of their election, whereas by the plan suggested (except in case of reelection) no person elected a trustee would be a member at the time of his election.

It may fairly be said that both these objections as to membership are refined and technical; and it is not improbable that on careful consideration they might not be deemed sufficiently important to interfere with the adoption of the plan. But in organizing a corporation to hold property for religious and charitable purposes safety is a primary consideration, and your Committee feels unwilling to proceed in the face of these questions until they have been carefully considered by the most competent advisors.

We therefore recommend that the committee be continued, and that the following named members be added to it, to take into consideration the whole subject of the proposed incorporation of Synod, and if the way be clear, to prepare articles of incorporation before next meeting of Synod, and to report the same thereto—

W. S. P. Bryan, Presbytery of Chicago; H. S. Osborn, Esq., Presbytery of Chicago; F. G. Hamilton, Esq., Presbytery of Bloomington; A. H. Mills, Esq., Presbytery of Springfield.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES S. HOLT, Chairman.

W. M. CAMP.

The Moderator appointed the following committee on Union and Adjustments: Rev. W H. Penhallegon, Rev. W. S. Marquis, Rev. G. J. E. Richards, Rev. T. D. Logan, Rev. Hugh Jack, A. H. Mills, Rev. F. M. Carson.

The report of the committee on Christian Education was presented. Rev. E. W. Clippenger read the report which was received, and Rev. W. S. P. Bryan read and spoke upon the resolutions. Pending their adoption the following were introduced by the committee and addressed Synod:

President C. H. Rammelkamp, of Illinois College.

President T. W. Lingle, of Blackburn College.

Rev. J. R. E. Craighead and Rev. F. W. McCluskey, of Union Academy.

Rev. T. J. Porter, Student Pastor at the State University, and Rev. T. D. Logan.

Rev. W. J. Darby, representing the Board of Education, also addressed the Synod.

The report as a whole, together with the resolutions was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

East St. Louis, October 17th, 1906.

The new policy of the Synod, adopted three years ago, by which it undertakes to do that work which belongs to it as a Church Court midway between the Presbytery and the General Assembly, has had its effect in the department of Christian Education. The task of transforming the committees, dealing with different phases of the question, into one committee having all the interests in its charge, was completed last year. The new committee was constituted to represent all of the Presbyteries, and was invested with powers sufficient for effective work, under an appointment lasting for three years. If there is failure in the undertakings of the Committee it will not be due to any limitations placed on it by the Synod. It is only fair to say that the members of the Committee realize the new responsibilities which rest upon them.

The wide-spread interest in the broad subject of Education, the changing views as to what constitutes Education, the unparalleled development of the system of State Education, the perils of an education purely secular, lead us not only to seek the fullest information before formulating our plans, but while we are doing this to look up, earnestly and humbly, to Him who alone can renew the hearts of our youth and give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Never in our history should the church more earnestly observe the Day of Prayer for Colleges.

Under these new powers, the committee has held three formal meetings, one at Jacksonville and Carlinville in December, one at Chicago in April, and the third at Chicago in June. These meetings were given over to a particular inquiry into

the needs of the various institutions under the care of Synod and to plans for supplying the needs of such of these institutions as required the assistance of the committee. Only a beginning has been made, the results of which are submitted in this report. The plans adopted look forward to the future and cannot be matured all at once. In addition to these meetings, sub-committees and individual members have visited our different institutions, literature has been prepared and distributed, Presbyteries have been visited in the interests of the work, with varying results. These practical measures have been made possible by the action of Synod authorizing the committee to acquire a fund for its expenses. This fund was apportioned among the Presbyteries and the receipts and expenditures are shown in the report of the treasurer, Dr. Brown, which is submitted herewith. Your committee is of the opinion that if the necessary expenses of the different committees of Synod were provided for out of one common fund it would reduce the number of apportionments and increase the effectiveness of their work. A conference between these committees and the officers of Synod on this subject is recommended.

Ministerial Education.

The latest figures from our Presbyteries indicate a total of 47 candidates, an increase over last year of six. The contributions of our Churches to the Board were $3,567, and about $500 greater than the appropriations of the Board to our candidates. This excess we regret to say is due not to the increase of interest on the part of our Churches, but to the decrease in the number of our candidates. The reports of our Presbyteries vary on the subject of the interest of the Churches in the increase of the ministry. Some colleges report encouraging increase in candidates among their students. Some Presbyteries which have large accessions, express the hope that new candidates will come out of these accessions, but others discover no sign of an awakening interest. Since this Synod first called the attention of the Church at large in its meeting at Bloomington eight years ago to this decline, much attention has been given to it and various causes have been assigned to explain it. Since 1903 there has been an advance each year, from 779 to 934 this year, an increase of 155. When however we remember that in 1896 we had 1,508 candidates and in our Synod 84 as against 47 now, in 1895 one candidate to 640 members, in 1906 one to 1,240, and since then our Church has grown in membership by 183,785 communicants, it is apparent that this increase while

encouraging is by no means satisfactory. One of the evils of this decrease is the temptation to relax the educational requirements and to usher into the ministry young men inadequately prepared for its duties. Never were the demands upon the ministry greater than now, and never was the need of that thorough mental and spiritual discipline provided in our system of education more real. It is shortsighted kindness to our young men and a grievous injury to our Churches and to the Church as a whole to relax the requirements established by long experience. Many of the evils under which the ministry is suffering today are traceable to this cause, and the notable exceptions of marked success without this thorough discipline are exceptions only and do not affect the wisdom of the rule.

The following table shows the statistics of the year:

Presbyteries.	Cand.	Approp.	Contributions
Alton	1	$ 100	$ 147
Bloomington	5	400	302
Cairo	3	100	136
Chicago	21	1700	1159
Freeport	3	300	220
Mattoon	1	100	111
Ottawa	3	200	166
Peoria	2	100	205
Rock River	1		189
Schuyler	3	400	198
Springfield	4	267	228
Total	47	$3667	$3061

II. The College Board.

The Committee has been in close correspondence with the Board, touching our institutions, and it is a satisfaction to state that there is hearty accord as to the policy to be adopted with reference to each one of them. The Board has relied largely upon the judgment of the Committee in formulating this policy and the Committee, on the other hand, is impressed with the duty resting upon our Synod to share in the work of the Church at large even while it provides for its own institutions. The Board reports offerings from our Churches of $6,044.99. It has appropriated $1,000 to Geneseo Institute and $710 to Union Academy. It has authorized Blackburn to receive the offerings in certain Presbyteries amounting to $414.64, a total from the Board of $2,124.64. Besides there have been

reported to it various contributions for Illinois College amounting to $2,950, and to Lake Forest College of $19,026, so that a total for our institutions is made up amounting to $26,153. The list of individual contributions as published by the Board includes money given to the various institutions and reported to the Board. The total of such contributions for the Church at large is $1,454,871, in which we note contributions from individuals in Illinois amounting to $41,101.50, which sum goes in a large measure to institutions beyond our bounds such as Hastings, Hanover, Huron, Western and Westminister Colleges. The results accomplished only show the value of personal effort for it cannot be seriously credited that either the Churches or the individual members of our Synod have come up to the full measure of their ability to contribute to the work of Christian Education both within and without our bounds.

This is the more true as the Board "stands earnestly for the idea that the religious transformation of the student is the first purpose for which the Christian College has and should have its existence." Only an education, positively and spiritually Christian, ought to be provided out of the funds of the Church. For secular education whether public or private, the resources are lavish in their gifts. It is encouraging to believe that a new definition of the long-suffering term "Christian Education" is gradually emerging and that this definition will justify the most strenuous efforts to give to our institutions the support of the Church.

III. Our Own Institutions.

These of course have been the chief business of your Committee. Our first step has been to acquire accurate information concerning their equipment, endowments and attendance, and to this end we have listened to the representatives of each and have visited the institutions themselves. Some of them are not yet in position for effective assistance by the Committee and accordingly our mention of them is brief; while in others definite plans are proposed which are submitted for the consideration of Synod. We have endeavored to see that the Day of Prayer for Colleges was observed at each institution, and we have conferred with the Presidents and Boards of Trustees of those institutions which needed immediate assistance. We have conformed to the longstanding practice of appointing visitors for the commencement occasions of some of these institutions, a practice however, which is of doubtful value as the results of such visits afford no real insight into the needs of the institutions.

The following statistics are, we believe, approximately correct:

	Bds. & App	End't.	Fac.	Stud.	Ch. Mem.	C. Gifts
Lake Forest ...	722,526	624,147		371	259	62,000
Illinois	$243,894	$200,000	12	186	118	$74,000
Blackburn	30,000	34,117	8	65		
Geneseo	24,000	14,600	7	55	35	
Union	15,000	15,000	7	45	34	12,000

In addition a Science Hall is promised when endowment is provided.

Lake Forest. All three departments, the College, the Academy and Ferry Hall show progress. The Academy has an increase of 11 over last year, Ferry Hall of 25 with a waiting list, the College has as yet 8 students less than last year, but this number will be easily made up. The Academy has a new gymnasium, and a new group of dormitories for the College has been begun and also a College Commons. The church members constitute seventy per cent of the student body and there are ten candidates for the ministry.

Illinois: The readjustment of its organic life to its new relations with the Presbyterain Church is proceeding apace under the steady efforts of President Rammelcamp. It is now required that a majority of the Board of Trustees be members of the Presbyterian Church. If there is much yet to be done by this College in adjusting itself to our general plan of Christian Education, there is also just as much, if not more, to be done by the Synod, its churches and its individual members in realizing and discharging their responsibilities to this important and promising institution. If these plans for the endowment of the college are to be matured it is apparent that the Synod must express to the college its hearty sympathy and must open the way for the presentation of its needs to our people. An offer of $50,000 for the endowment has been made conditioned upon the raising of $50,000 by the College. The College women need to raise $100,000, and of this sum about $24,000 has been provided. The Trustees ask for encouragement from Synod in their efforts to provide this fund. A plan of scholarships has been proposed, $1,000 each, the interest upon which is to be used in the education of candidates for the ministry. Churches and individuals should alike co-operate with this plan as well as with the larger plans of the institution.

Blackburn has an attendance this year of sixty-five students, 38 in the College and 27 in the Academy. Of these, eleven are special students, all of whom except three are taking

full work and expect ta be classed as regular as soon as their back work is brought up. The Faculty consists of eight paid members, one of whom, gives his services except $300, and another of whom is field agent. One chair is vacant this year and the work is being distributed among others for the present. The treasurer and financial agent in his last report, shows invested funds to the amount of $19,701.12 together with three bank certificates and bills receivable on special account, amounting to $4,416.87. The Real Estate outside of College buildings is valued at $10,000, which, taken together makes a total shown in the statistical table. Against this he shows an indebtedness consisting of two notes of $4,000 each, with an over draft of $4,505.27, making a total indebtedness of $12,505.27. The trustees feel that great care will be necessary on their part to conserve the valuable interests represented in the charter and in the property of the College and they are fully aware of the many difficulties which attend this work. An effort is now in progress to raise an endowment of $70,000.00, $20,000.00 of which is offered on condition that the other $50,000.00 be provided. Of this $50,000.00 the citizens of Carlinville undertake to raise $20,000.00 and the four Presbyteries of Springfield, Bloomington, Mattoon and Alton have promised to make an effort to raise the sum of $5,000.00 each, provided that the whole sum of $70,000.00 be secured in this way. The results of these efforts have not as yet appeared. The Trustees ask that, pending this effort and in accordance with the agreement entered into in 1898, the Synod shall endorse their application to the College Board to solicit College Board offerings in the Presbyteries of Bloomington, Peoria, Alton and Mattoon.

Geneseo is encouraged by an increase not only in the number of students this year but also in the proportion of students who are taking college courses. The Institute and the Church at Geneseo have been brought together more closely than hitherto, owing to the repairs upon the Church which have led to the use of the college chapel for religious services, in this way enlisting the interest of a larger number of students. The Institute draws its students not so much from the town as from the country for a radius of 25 miles. The Rev. M. W. Thornton has been engaged as the financial agent to increase the endowment to $25,000.

Union Academy stands in the far south of the state away from every other institution of the Church. After conference with the Committee last fall, the Trustees and the Faculty en-

tered upon an undertaking to provide a new building on an eligible site belonging to the institution. With fine sense they realized that their first effort must be at home and they began in the town of Anna itself and from it as a centre have canvassed the region roundabout until now they are assured of their new building to cost $16,000 and have formed their endowment fund on a nucleus of $2,000 while the expenses of the canvass have been defrayed by the Nickel Fund amounting to $400. The Presbytery of Cairo has apportioned the amount necessary to complete the endowment of $25,000 among its churches in sums ranging from $1,000 down to $25. With this fine beginning the Academy is surely justified in its appeal to the Synod as a whole to provide the other $25,000 needed. Such system, such self-sacrifice, such local enthusiasm, are worthy of our most generous response. The immediate needs are $475 for current expenses, $5,000 to retain the old buildings, a piano for use in the school and a library of standard reference books.

The plan of Reunion and Union with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church has been consummated by the two Assemblies insofar that the institutions of that Church sustain to our Church now the relations which they formerly sustained to the Assembly of their own Church. This work, however, has not as yet made progress beyond the Assembly and the lower Courts are continuing for the present as before the Union. The educational work of our sister Synod in Illinois remains therefore under her jurisdiction as hitherto. In view, however, of the proposed consolidation of the two Synods, conferences should be held under the authority of the respective Synods in the interests of the Cumberland Presbyterian Institutions and our Synod should appoint a committee to meet a corresponding committee of our sister Synod.

IV. The State University.

Our work at the State University is only one of a number of movements taking place throughout the Central West. At the Conference held at the General Assembly, representatives were present from Ohio, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska and Texas, and the Assembly placed upon its records the action of the Conference and expressed its sense of the importance of this work and laid it upon the Synods to carry it on. This action is submitted to the different Synods and it is confidently expected that they will assume responsibility for the work, and send their representatives to the Conference which is to be held at the next Assembly. There is every pros-

pect that in a few years' time thorough plans for this work will have been adopted throughout the central West.

Your Committee has never ceased from the task of inaugurating the work at our State University. If progress has been slow, this has been due to the many preliminaries which needed to be arranged. A fund had to be provided, mainly through private contributions and covering an experimental period of three years, a residence must be procured, a student-pastor must be chosen, and none of these steps could be taken hastily. By June, however, sufficient progress had been made to warrant the election of a pastor and Dr. Porter was unanimously chosen because not only of his interest in this distinctive work, but of his familiarity with the problem as developed at Miami University during his pastorate of our Church at Oxford, Ohio. He entered upon his duties Aug. 1st, and since then has been visiting the Presbyteries and the Churches, has been forming the acquaintance of the University students and the Christian people of Champaign and Urbana especially in our own churches and has been studying the conditions under which our work is to be done. It is not possible at this early stage to outline definitely the form of the work, but enough is clear to warrant the statement that the work must be done in perfect harmony with our churches upon the fields, and yet independent of them in this respect, that it represents the Synod as a whole.

It will be quite possible in the judgment of the Committee to conserve all the interests of our local churches, and at the same time to minister to the student body in its distinctive needs.

A special University Committee has been appointed to assist him and on it are the pastors of our Churches at Champaign and Urbana and two elders both of whom are members of the University Faculty, so that the Committee is related alike to the Synod, to the local Churches, and to the University itself. Conferences have also been held with the pastors of other denominations and with the representatives of the Christian Associations.

The greatness of this work will appear from the fact that out of 3,071 students last year, not more than 500 were in vital touch with any Church at Champaign or Urbana, and this notwithstanding the fact that a religious census taken early in the session shows 752 Methodists, 521 Presbyterians, 304 Congregationalists, 232 Baptists, 162 Christians, 124 Catholics, 104 Episcopalians, 75 Lutherans. In this census two-thirds of each number stand for members and the other third for adherents.

It must appear therefore that the Churches of Illinois have a heavy responsibility, if the young people who go to the University are to retain and develop the religious faith in which they are brought up.

The sum needed for all expenses is $3,000.00 a year, which has been divided among the Presbyteries as follows:

Chicago	$1500 00
Bloomington	500 00
Springfield	200 00
Schuyler	200 00
Peoria	150 00
Cairo	100 00
Mattoon	100 00
Alton	100 00
Freeport	100 00
Ottawa	100 00
Rock River	100 00

The Treasurer's report which constitutes a part of the appendix of this report shows a total of $1,818.50 contributed for this year of which $1,065.00 is contributed also for the next two years.

Plans looking to the permanent endowment of the work are already advanced. We are in negotiation for property most eligibly situated, and of sufficient size for all the buildings which Synod will need in twenty years and the money to purchase the same will be provided if the negotiations are satisfactory. The property will be held by the purchaser in his own name with the agreement that if in three years time the Synod provides the sum of $50,000 for the endowment of this work, the property will be turned over to the Synod, and in the meantime it will be used rent free for the work of the Synod.

It is manifest that while an encouraging beginning has been made the work will require the heartiest support of the Synod and its Presbyteries during the three years until permanent funds have been secured.

This concludes our survey of the four departments of work entrusted to us. It must be apparent that a degree of effective interest not hitherto given will be necessary if the work succeeds. Naturally the first claim upon Presbyterians in Illinois is that of the institutions within the bounds of the Synod. We cannot with a good face ask the Church at large to care for these, neither can we properly care for the institutions outside

of our bounds while our own are suffering. There are Presbyterians enough and there is money enough in Illinois to care lavishly for all our institutions and then afterwards to provide for the many deserving institutions beyond our bounds. In order that the many kindly expressions of interest may yield tangible results, your Committee submits the following resolutions:

Resolved:

1. That Synod calls upon its churches as well as upon its institutions to observe the Day of Prayer for Colleges or in some manner to emphasize our dependence upon God for guidance in the great work of Christian Education.

2. That the officers of Synod be directed to confer with the Standing Committees of Synod concerning the expenses involved in the Committee work, and if possible to devise a plan by which the expenses of the Synod and its committees shall be provided out of one common fund, this report is to be submitted to Synod at its next meeting.

3. That Synod approves of the efforts of the Board of Education to maintain our high standard of educational qualifications for the ministry, and urges its Presbyteries to co-operate with the Board in these efforts, recognizing always the exceptions made by extraordinary cases.

4. That Synod approves of, and will co-operate in the plan of the College Board to make the education afforded in our church institutions positively and spiritually Christian and it directs the institutions under its care to provide for their students instruction in the great fundamentals of the Christian Faith as held in the Presbyterian Church.

5. That a Committee of Synod, consisting of Rev. Chas. M. Brown, Rev. Hugh Jack, and Rev. E. W. Clippinger be appointed to confer with a similar committee from the Synod of Illinois A, touching our common educational interests and to report at the next meeting of Synod.

6. Synod rejoices in the development at Lake Forest, both in attendance and in buildings. B. N. Linnell and S. A. Benedict were confirmed as Trustees of Lake Forest.

7. That the Synod hereby endorses the request of the trustees of Blackburn College to the College Board for permission to solicit the College Board offerings in the Presbyteries of Bloomington, Peoria, Alton, and Mattoon.

8. That Synod notes with pleasure its closer relations with Illinois College, and commends to the churches and individuals

under its care the proposed plan for providing sufficient endowment both for the general funds and through special scholarships. Synod endorses the application of Illinois College to the College Board for assistance at this critical period of its history, either in the way of an appropriation for its current expenses or a contribution to its endowment fund.

9. That Synod endorses the plan to provide from our churches and individuals outside of Cairo Presbytery an endowment of $25,000.00 for the Union Academy at Anna, to complete the sum already undertaken by the Trustees of the Academy and the Presbytery of Cairo, and it urges upon its Ministers and Elders to provide opportunities for the presentation of this cause to their people.

10. That the plan of maintaining our work at the State University be approved, and the Pastors throughout our bounds be requested to correspond with Dr. Porter concerning students from their Churches at the University and to open the way for the presentation of this work in their pulpits; that the Presbyteries be urged to provide the sums apportioned to them and that subscriptions to this fund be received at this time, and further the Committee be authorized to receive conditional subscriptions for the permanent endowment of the work.

All of which is respectfully submitted by order of the committee.

W. S. P. BRYAN, Chairman.

Synod took recess until 2 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 2 O'CLOCK.

Synod convened at 2 o'clock and was led in prayer by Rev. A. B. Morey. Rev. Thomas H. Cleland, representing the American Tract Society, addressed Synod and the following resolutions were presented by Rev. A. B. Morey. Rev. Hunter Corbett, of China, spoke of the Tract Society in its relation to missionary work in foreign lands. The resolutions were adopted as follows:

The Synod, having heard the report of the American Tract Society, through its Field Secretary for the Northwest, Rev. T. H. Cleland,

Resolves 1st, That we recognize in the American Tract Society, through its four score years of usefulness a manifestation of the Unity of the Church of God.

Resolved 2nd. That we gladly acknowledge it as an invaluable auxiliary to all Foreign Missionary work in its provision of helpful literature in 163 languages and dialects, both for evangelistic effort and for the training of converts from heathenism into an intelligent Christian faith; and that this literature can be more economically provided by a central agency than by separate Boards of the Churches.

Resolved 3rd. That we rejoice that the American Tract Society, in seeking to meet the great tide of immigration to our shores by colporteurs and literature in the tongue in which the people were born and following them in their established homes with Christian effort is a valuable ally of the Home Mission work of the Church.

Resolved 4th. Recognizing its great usefulness and need of friends this Synod recommends, in harmony with the action of our General Assembly, that a standing committee on this work be appointed in each Presbytery, and that the Society be commended to the prayers and gifts of individuals and congregations.

Rev. C. G. Reynolds reported for the committee on Bills and Overtures that no papers had been presented for consideration.

Rev. B. Y. George reported to the same effect for the committee on Judicial Business.

The report of the committee on the Spiritual Life of the Church was presented by the chairman, Rev. Daniel Breeze. The report was adopted and is as follows:

NARRATIVE ON THE SPIRITUAL LIFE OF THE CHURCH.

When a ship is about to start on a long voyage, it is the custom to put her through the process of what is called rounding the vessel. This consists partly in verifying the compasses on board, that is, in testing the magnetic needle in each compass box, and to ascertain whether it points due North or not. Few compasses can stand the test. The exact poise of these delicate instruments is easily upset, especially in iron-clad vessels, in which the needle is sometimes found to deviate 60 degress from the right direction. You can easily understand, this being so, how necessary it is they should be subjected to this careful test before venturing into unknown waters, where the slightest aberation might result in terrible disaster. The neglect of this is one solution of the loss of many vessels. It is

well that the Great Synod of Illinois should pause, at least once a year, to consider her ways, to test her compass, and to give more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest at any time we may drift away from them.

Your Committee on "The Spiritual Life of the Church," respectfully submits the following report. From the Narratives returned, and from the minutes of the last General Assembly we gather the information that our Synod has 515 ministers, has added on profession of faith 6,063. The whole number of Communicants is 80,943. The S. S. membership is 81,102; the amount given to Home Missions is $101,019; to Foreign Missions $81,720; for Congregational expenses $1,025,814.

From these reports returned to your Committee, it is no easy matter to tell the real state of religion in our large and growing Synod. Cold figures are no test of the spiritual life, and the work of grace cannot be gauged by material conditions. There appears to be a lack of deep spirituality in many of our churches, but on the whole we cannot fail to acknowledge the goodness of God during the past year. Let us, Brethren, add our item of renewed effort in hastening the era when with the victories of that which is true, beautiful and christian, the world shall be covered. Around our minds let no doubt linger as to the issue.

" 'Tis coming on the hills of time,
And this old world is growing brighter,
We may not see it's dawn sublime;
But high hopes make the heart throb lighter."

Congregational.

Generally our churches have been supplied with the means of grace. The majority with full time, others half, and a few one-third, and even where the churches have been without Pastors, some form of religious service has been sustained. The attendance on these services has been fairly good, but far from what it should be. There seems to be an increased number of children in our congregations. This is encouraging. In many of the churches special means are used to interest the youth in the meetings, and these churches appear to reap the greater harvest. Two churches in Mattoon Presbytery report that all the children attend the services. It would be a great blessing if all the churches could say the same.

Prayer Meeting.

The information regarding the prayer meetings is always

discouraging. Yet there is some improvement, and a general feeling for better things, but considering the membership a very small per cent attend this blessed means of grace. This is a serious question and worthy of our special attention, how the attendance may be increased?

Sabbath Schools.

Our Sabbath School work seems to be on the upward grade in some Presbyteries. Cairo reports an increase of 724 for the year. There is quite a dearth of teachers' meetings in the majority of the Presbyteries, but to relieve the gloom in this particular, Chicago comes forth with 50 out of 83 schools. Grand loyalty is shown to our Board's literature, but what has become of the Shorter Catechism? One report says, "The Shorter Catechism has largely been relegated to the shelves of the preachers' library as but five schools teach it out of 27, and of that number hardly any teach it in any methodical or systematic way."

Societies.

Your Committee would mention with gratitude and thankfulness to Almighty God, the wonderful Campaign that seems to have emanated from Chicago Presbytery among the men of our churches. "THE BROTHERHOOD" is destined to do great things, and is spreading throughout our bounds. We have a total of 85 societies reported. Chicago 53, Schuyler 12, Rock River 3, Freeport 2, Alton 3, Springfield 4, Cairo 7, and Ottawa 1. These Societies cannot be too highly commended for their loyalty and zeal for the church.

As to Women's Societies, they are found everywhere, and no words of praise would be too extravagant in speaking of their work and zeal. One Narrator says, "I believe if the women had charge of all the work the wheels of the gospel chariot would not be clogged as frequently as is the case."

Young People's Societies.

Our Young People are well organized, and their societies are found in nearly all of our churches under the names of Junior and Senior Endeavor, Boys Brigade, Loyal Legion, etc. All seem to be thriving and doing well. We note with pleasure the excellent work they are doing, and bid them Godspeed in their abundant toils. The offerings of all the societies of men, women, and the youth, reach the needs of the local church, Home and Foreign Missions, and other benevolent objects. Our Organization is almost perfect, but we must guard against the

temptation, which nations, as well as churches must experience, to mistake organization for life. A nation, or church, may be properly organized and drilled, may be able to concentrate themselves upon any given spot in a given time, may have intelligence, science and culture, but these do not constitute all the elements of life. Life in the church must be heaven-born, something over and above all organization, if it is to be life to any purpose. There must be the animating and quickening by the Spirit of the living God. "Behold I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live."

Unusual Religious Interest.

More or less in every Presbytery there has been a quickening of the religious life, and special interest is manifested.

Springfield reports special interest in ten churches, Decatur receiving on profession of faith 72.

Ottawa reports the largest increase for many years, and mentions Elgin, Ottawa, Sandwich, Aurora, Grand Ridge and a struggling little church at Kings. These received respectively 57, 45, 38, 33, 22 and 21.

Rock River reports wonderful revivals with 672 accessions.

Alton reports a number of gracious revivals. Steady growth. A good year.

Schuyler reports "Wonderful Revivals" in 18 churches, and it is remarkable the number received on profession of faith, 876, lacking 12 of being exactly four times as many as received last year. In this Presbytery there was conducted a simultaneous work under the guidance of our Synodical Superintendent, Dr. Edgar L. Williams.

Family Religion.

It is painful to relate that there seems to be a spirit of indifference to the matter of the Family Altar, which is sorely neglected in many, if not the majority of our homes. This is a sad departure from the old paths our "Father's Trod." There is certainly need for a revival along these lines, which until brought about, the family, the church, and the nation will be the loser. Let us give heed to this vital matter. It is from such homes as portrayed in the "Cotter's Saturday Night," we must hope and trust for the establishment of God's kingdom upon earth.

"From scenes like these, old Scotia's grandeur springs,
That makes her lov'd at home, rever'd abroad;
Princes and lords are but the breath of kings,
An honest man's the noblest work of God."

Financial Conditions.

The financial standing of our churches speaks volumes as to the improved conditions of things in general. From every Presbytery, reports of obligations being promptly met are returned. The gifts to the Boards are various. Some give to all, some to four, some to two, but a very few to none. In every instance an opportunity was given to contribute.

Difficulties.

Their name is "Legion," and it is not the purpose of your Committee to burden you with their enumeration. Sufficient to say that they all originate from the one great source, the "Devil."

We are convinced, after the perusal of the various reports from the Presbyteries, that as a church and Synod much earnest work is being done, and we are reminded of Browning's "Legend of the Battle of Marathon," in which the armies of Greece rolled back the Persian hosts. According to the legend there was one man who helped to win the fight. He was clad in goat-skin, and wore neither helmet nor shield. He had no weapon but a ploughshare, which he drove into the ranks of the foe. Wherever the Greek lines were giving way, there was he, swiftly, with his ploughshare. The battle over, he was nowhere to be found, nor could they discover his name. The sacred oracles when appealed to said, "Never mind about his name, call him the holder of the ploughshare."

"Thank God there are such men in our churches, men who do things while others talk; who are not looking out for place or distinction for themselves, but only want the church to win her battle, and have their best reward in the success of the cause." "Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only." We must not be content with what has been accomplished, however grand, let us go forward and do more for Christ than ever. He needs active personal service. While we have time let us use it for the greater glory of God. "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. Let all that ye do be done in love."

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Committee,

DANIEL BREEZE, Chairman.

Elder W. M. Camp presented the report of the committee on Finance, which, with its recommendations, was adopted as follows:

First: The Finance Committee appointed to examine the report of George J. E. Richards, Treasurer of the Synod of Illi-

nois, would report that we have examined the following accounts submitted to us, and vouchers accompanying the same, and have found them to be correct and recommend their approval.

Second: We would also recommend that the assessment for the coming year shall be for the Mileage Fund one cent per member and for the Contingent Fund one cent per member.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. CAMP.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer presents the following report on the Contingent Fund of the Synod from October, 1905, to October, 1906:

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$ 600 00
Interest on deposit	16 00
Women's H. M. Society on programs	1 00
Women's F. M. Society on programs	1 00
Offering by Synod for F. M. Campaign	61 62
College cuts in Minutes	9 00
Treasurers of Presbyteries.	
Alton	68 04
Bloomington	72 54
Cairo	34 22
Chicago	221 58
Freeport	43 84
Mattoon	38 16
Ottawa	27 12
Peoria	51 55
Rock River	42 47
Schuyler	47 34
Springfield	51 76
Total Received	$1366 12

DISBURSEMENTS.

Janitor	$ 5 00
Express	2 05
Stationery	9 50
F. M. Campaign	50 00
Freight and drayage	1 83

Printing 300 reports	1 50
Printing 1,100 Minutes	159 60
Postage on 933 Minutes	28 00
100-4 page blanks	2 75
1,000 large clasp envelopes	9 00
Salary Permanent Clerk	75 00
Salary Stated Clerk	250 00
Programs	3.50
Balance in Treasury	766 39
Total	$1366 12

MILEAGE REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1905-1906.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$ 817 05
Mileage returned	1 41
Received from Presbyteries	
Alton	59 20
Bloomington	93 26
Cairo	44 00
Chicago	284 88
Freeport	56 36
Mattoon	49 06
Ottawa	34 86
Peoria	66 27
Rock River	54 61
Schuyler	60 86
Springfield	66 54
Total Received	$1688 36

DISBURSEMENTS.

Alton Presbytery, 13 delegates	$ 73 67
Bloomington Presbytery, 12 delegates	22 27
Cairo Presbytery, 9 delegates	46 15
Chicago Presbytery, 46 delegates	199 20
Freeport Presbytery, 9 delegates	64 37
Mattoon Presbytery, 8 delegates	17 58
Ottawa Presbytery, 10 delegates	56 63
Peoria Presbytery, 13 delegates	53 71
Rock River Presbytery, 12 delegates	85 37
Schuyler Presbytery, 11 delegates	70 44
Springfield Presbytery, 6 delegates	20 61
Chairmen, 3	10 57

Clerk, 1	3 84
Speaker, 1	10 00
Passenger Agent	11 00
Balance in Treasury	942 95
Total	$1688 36

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. J. E. RICHARDS, Treasurer.

The report of the committee on Foreign Missions was presented by Rev. W. S. Marquis. The report was received and recommendations adopted. Pending adoption Miss Fannie E. Cleland, Secretary of Young People's Societies, of the Women's Board, addressed Synod. The report is as follows:

East St. Louis, Ill., October 17, 1906.

Your Committee went forth from the last meeting of Synod into a special campaign for Foreign Missions. Our object was the raising of $115,000 for the cause; our motto, "The love of Christ constraineth me;" our plan of work, to secure the use of a subscription blank in the taking of the offering for missions.

The Work of the Committee.

We first sent a copy of the resolutions, and plan of campaign as adopted by Synod to every pastor and church, with full instructions how to secure the subscription blanks free. As the requests for the blanks came in very slowly, a second circular was sent out about the first of December. This brought a good many requests. But to still further insure the use of the blanks, to arouse interest in the campaign and to learn what was being done, a third communication was issued. It urged action, requested information, suggested an Easter offering in the Sunday School, and offered one of our missionaries for a March itinerary. These replies enabled us to make a dozen appointments for Rev. Wm. B. Hunt, and threw a good deal of light on the progress of the campaign. Beside this work of the Committee as a whole, the Presbyterial chairmen have labored diligently.

Results.

The results are compressed into the table of statistics which is herewith presented.

STATISTICS OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.

YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1906.

PRESBYTERY.	Number of Churches.	Number of Communicants.	No Offerings Reported.	AMOUNT CONTRIBUTED TO THE BOARD BY								Amount Reported in Assembly Minutes.		
				Churches.	Sunday Schools.	W. P. Societies	Women's Societies	Total.	Gain.	Loss.	Average.		Gain.	Loss.
Alton	50	5,613	5	$1 500	$ 280	$ 86	$ 615	$2,481	$ 131	.....	.44	$ 3,939	$1,488	.....
Bloomington	55	8,405	12	5,783	353	777	3,201	10,119	2,726	.....	1.20	10,452	3,725	.....
Cairo	40	4,005	9	741	62	164	477	1,444	.....	117	.36	1,435	.....	559
Chicago	94	26,071	2	15,557	1,627	2,676	13,853	33,713	.....	14086	1.29	36,583	679	.....
Freeport	30	5,012	1	2,501	257	334	1,283	4,375	753	.....	.87	5,056	1,747	.....
Mattoon	34	4 597	6	775	16	150	1,244	2 185	377	.....	.47	2,079	277	...
Ottawa	22	3,404	3	354	144	132	804	1.434	117	.....	.42	1,453	122	.....
Peoria	37	6,279	3	3,006	90	419	1,838	5,353	566	.....	.85	5,436	946	.....
Rock River	35	5.360	2	3.021	77	597	796	4,491	1,093	.....	.84	5,388	833	.....
Schuyler	41	6,104	4	1,9 9	129	746	1,251	4,115	388	.....	.67	4,261	565	.....
Springfield	33	6,093	4	2,303	261	593	1.745	4,902	904	.....	.80	5,338	414	
Total 1906	471	80,943	51	37,530	3,301	6,674	27,107	74,612	7,055	14203	.92	81,720	10796	559
Total 1905	471	77,326	61	29,199	2,865	4,973	44,723	81,760	13.446	548	.....	71,483	4652	569
Gain	....	3,617	..	8,331	436	1,701	.....	.....	.....	13655	....	10,237	6144	....
Loss	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	17,616	7,148	6,391	.....	.....	.....	.....	10

This shows that 420 of our 471 churches contributed to this cause; leaving but 51 delinquent. The congregational offerings rose from $29,199 to $37,530, a splendid gain of $8,331. One hundred and twenty-nine Sunday Schools gave $3,301, as against $2,865 last year, a gain of $436.

The Young People Societies, not to be left behind, raised their offerings from $4,973, to $6,674, a gain of $1,701. But the women who have so often been the victors in this race, this year fell behind and that greviously. Their gifts declined from $44,723 to $27,107, a decline of $17,616. This was not due to any loss of interest or effort on the part of the faithful women of the Synod, but can be traced to one strong church in Chicago, which last year gave over $16,000, and this year dropped back to its normal offering of about $1200.

The Women's Societies, whose report I have received, have had a successful year, their offering to the Board being $35,-299. This sum includes not only the $27,107 shown in table above, but $6,481 from the Young People which passes through the Board of the Northwest treasury, and also a portion of the amount credited to Sunday Schools.

The total of our contributions to the Board were $74,612, as compared with $81,760 last year, a loss of $7,148. At first glance this makes it appear as if our campaign had been a complete failure. But this is not true. The Synod at large made a very creditable advance of $10,468. But for that one extraordinary falling off in one church we might have been rejoicing in having reached high-water mark in our work for foreign missions.

Nine Presbyteries increased their offerings showing that there was good earnest work done throughout the whole state. Then we must remember that what the Board receives is not all that is given to this cause. A good deal goes through other channels—the Assembly's minutes show that there was at least $7,128 of such gifts last year, which would raise our offerings to the cause to $81,740.

While therefore our campaign did not reach the mark we set for ourselves, it was not a failure. But why was it not more of a success? Here are some replies received in answer to this question.

"Apathy and antipathy on the part of many ministers and people."

"Lack of interest in professed Christians."

"The pressure of local finances."

"Pastors failed to push the matter with their people."

"All such per capita levies are rank absurdities, church rolls embrace absentees, indifferents and dead-heads from whom nothing can be expected. Many good people will have nothing to do with foreign missions; many little flocks are on their uppers," strong churches way-laid for money.

Then this brother adds, "The methods of collecting money are faulty. Most churches have the annual sermon and the collection following. I am glad to see that we are to have the pledge system pushed in the churches. This is the only practical suggestion of advance I have to offer."

These answers undoubtedly go to the root of the matter.

First, spiritual apathy—"We must see as Christ saw, and feel as he felt before we can sacrifice as he did for the salvation of the world."

Second, there is a lack of business method. Our campaign failed of larger success because pastors would not use some form of subscription, and thoroughly canvass their congregations. This requires instruction, organization, effort, just as it would in any business enterprise, and it always brings results. God's people have the money and they are ready to give it when their minds are enlightened and consciences aroused to their responsibilities. This is the pastor's duty. He should remember that patient, faithful work in a thorough canvass for foreign missions, may mean more souls gathered in on the other side of the globe than in his own parish.

The last Assembly was preeminently a missionary assembly. The large and helpful conference of workers just preceding it; the election of the veteran missionary, Dr. Hunter Corbett as moderator; the eloquent report of the Standing Committee, full of facts for missionary addresses; the news of success in every field last year—3,000 in China, 2,000 in Korea, 1,500 in the Philippines—a total of almost 10,000 in one year added to our mission churches filled the hearts of all present with courage and enthusiasm. There was but one jarring note in that report—the announcement that the Board was carrying a debt of $110,000—the deficits of two years, caused by rapid expansion, and a decline in legacies.

Grateful for the blessing of God, enthused by the successes of the year, and feeling the call of great opportunities the Assembly adopted a very heroic recommendation, viz: "That we call upon the Church to make the year a remarkable one in the history of Foreign Missions, by increasing the annual investment in the world's evangelization, until it shall exceed by 33 per cent. the largest amount ever before contributed by the

church, thus clearing away the deficit, providing for the necessary expansion, and meeting worthily the emergency that great success has providentially created." That is the call of the Assembly to the pastors and churches of this Synod.

Besides these facts from the Assemblys' report there are several to which your committee desire to call attention before we present our recommendations.

First, We want to remind the pastors that the Board at New York has not only a wealth of missionary tracts and leaflets but a large up to date library from which we as pastors are at liberty to draw for our work. More than that, the Secretaries announce that they are glad to gather data, and furnish material upon any particular subject. Books and material will be sent for the cost of transportation.

Second, We would urge again the organization of Mission Study Classes. They have proved exceedingly interesting and ought to be found in every church. Mr. T. H. P. Sailer of the Board at New York will furnish information and literature necessary for organization.

Third, We want to repeat a call which has come to us from India, and which is expressed in this little pamphlet entitled, "Wanted, Covenanted Intercessory Missionaries for India." It is an appeal for men and women who will pledge themselves to pray at stated times for a particular work and missionary. Who shall be known to him as a praying co-worker. It is what Paul asked "Why should we not all be workers together with these brethren by specific, daily prayer?" We will be glad to furnish these pamphlets to those who desire them.

Finally, We would take this opportunity to announce what we believe will be one of the greatest missionary conferences ever held in this country. A Conference of the Men of the Presbyterian Church, to be held in Omaha, Nebraska, Feb. 19-21, 1907.

For years we have all recognized that the men of the church were not abreast of the women and youth of the church in enlightened, well organized missionary work. Yet in their hands largely are the money and the power to make success. Dr. Bradt who has already proved himself a leader of men in this direction, proposes this Men's Conference. The Board gives its unqualified approval. Many prominent workers, presbyteries and Synods have already passed resolutions of approval, and the interest grows with the spread of the announcement. We trust this Synod will have one of the largest delegations present.

Recommendations.

Your Committee now has the following recommendations to propose:

1. That we heartily approve of the action of the Assembly in calling upon the church for an increase of 33 per cent. and do now pledge ourselves to labor and pray for this advance, needed to liquidate the debt and carry forward the greatest work man has ever undertaken.

2. That as the first step in fulfilling this pledge, we ask the churches for a free-will offering for the debt of at least ten cents per member; to be taken before Thanksgiving or as soon thereafter as possible.

3. That as the second step in fulfilling this pledge we urge upon every church and pastor who is not already doing so, the use of some form of subscription in securing support for this cause; and that we especially recommend the plan outlined by Dr. Bradt in the leaflet entitled "A Fair Chance for Foreign Missions."

4. That we follow the Assembly's suggestion and commemorate in some fitting way the centennial of the Haystack Prayer-meeting, and the centennial of the founding of missions in China.

5. That in view of the growing evidence of the pleasure and profit in the Mission Study Classes, we urge that such classes be organized in all our churches.

6. That we heartily approve of the plan for a Men's Conference to be held at Omaha, Neb., Feb. 19-21, 1907, and instruct the Foreign Mission Committee to do all in its power to secure the attendance of a large delegation from this Synod.

The Moderator appointed the following committee on Nomination of Permanent Committees:

S. M. Morton, T. S. Scott, E. W. Clippinger, B. Y. George, B. F. Guille.

The following delegation from the Synod of Illinois "A" was received:

Elder T. H. Perrin, Rev. A. G. Bergen, Rev. D. E. Bushnell, Elder A. R. Taylor, Rev. C. E. Hayes, Rev. J. M. Johnston, Rev. E. B. Surface, Rev. G. W. Williams, Rev. A. F. Zeigel.

Addresses of greeting were exchanged, Elders Perrin and Taylor and Revs. Bergen and Bushnell speaking for

the Synod of Illinois "A" and Revs. Hugh Jack and F. M. Carson and Elder N. R. Best replying for this Synod. Rev. Hunter Corbett addressed Synod on the Spirit of Union Abroad. During this hour the Vice Moderator, Rev. W. H. Penhallegon presided and the session closed by Synod joining in singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," and uniting in prayer.

Recess was taken until 7:30 o'clock this evening.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 7:30 O'CLOCK.

Synod was opened with devotional exercises, after which Mrs. S. O. Loughridge, Corresponding Secretary of the Women's Synodical Society for Foreign Missions, read a paper. Synod listened to an address by Rev. Hunter Corbett, Moderator, of the General Assembly, on the subject of Foreign Missions. Rev. E. L. Williams made an address on Home Missions, with stereopticon views. The Synod adjourned with prayer to meet tomorrow morning at 8:30 o'clock.

THURSDAY MORNING, 8:30 O'CLOCK.

Synod was led in devotional service by Rev. C. G. Reynolds.

The Moderator called Synod to order and prayer was offered.

The Minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Rev. G. N. Luccock and Nolan R. Best addressed Synod in the interests of the Presbyterian Brotherhood.

It was ordered that a committee of three be appointed to consider the matter of the Kemmerer Will Case and report at this meeting of Synod and that this committee be selected by the Vice Moderator.

The following were named by him to serve on this committee: Rev. G. N. Luccock, Rev. S. M. Morton, Nolan R. Best.

Rev. G. N. Luccock later presented the report of this committee which was adopted and is as follows:

Synod hears with great interest and gratification of the will of the late Philip G. Kemmerer, of Assumption, Ill., bequeathing to the "Presbyterians of Central Illinois," property estimated at a value of $150,000.00 for the purpose of establishing and maintaining an Orphans' Home. Therefore, the Synod, which embraces the entire State of Illinois, recognizing that under our ecclesiastical organization, the Legatees designated in the will as "Presbyterians of Central Illinois," are comprised in the Presbyteries of Mattoon and Springfield, approves the action of said Presbyteries for conserving the interests of these Legatees.

G. N. LUCCOCK,
S. M. MORTON,
N. R. BEST.

In the absence of the Chairman, Rev. S. M. Morton reported for the committee on General Assembly Minutes. The report was received and the recommendations adopted as follows:

The Committee on Minutes of General Assembly would report that the only matters requiring our notice and action are as follows:

1. The Minutes of the Synod were approved by the General Assembly without exception.

2. The request of the General Assembly that Synod appoint Committees on Evangelistic Work and on Sabbath Observance requires no action as our Committee on the General Work of the Church covers the work of those Committees.

3. The attention of the Home Missions Committee of Synod is called to the action of the Assembly, on pages 78-79 of the Minutes.

4. The subject of Men's Brotherhood, (see Minutes, page 66) is added to the work of our Committee on General Church Work.

5. The Assembly acted favorably on our overture (see Minutes of Synod of 1905, page 369 and Minutes General Assembly page 82).

Respectfully submitted,
G. P. WILLIAMS, Chairman.

Rev. W. E. Donaldson presented the report of the committee on Presbyterial Records which was adopted as follows:

The several committees have made an examination of the

records assigned to them and report recommending their approval without exception. The following is the list as examined: Alton, Bloomington, Chicago, Freeport, Peoria, Rock River, Schuyler, Springfield. The records of three Presbyteries i. e. Cairo, Mattoon, and Ottawa have not been presented. We recommend that the Stated Clerk call the attention of the Clerks of these Presbyteries and direct them to see that the records are presented at the next meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
W. E. DONALDSON.

Rev. T. D. Logan, Chairman of the Home Mission Committee, offered the following resolution on vacancy and supply which was adopted:

The Committee on Home Missions respectfully reports to the Synod concerning the matter of vacancy and supply which was referred to it by the last Synod, and recommends that in view of the entire history of this matter in the actions of Presbyteries, Synods and Assemblies of our Church, no further action be taken, and that Presbyteries be permitted to continue the work in their own way.

The report of the committee on Home Missions was read by the Chairman and was received.

The report of the treasurer of Home Missions Committee was presented by Rev. A. R. Bickenbach. Pending the adoption of the report Rev. E. L. Williams, Supt. of Home Missions for Illinois read his annual report and Rev. C. E. Thompson, Secretary of the Home Mission Board, addressed the Synod. The recommendations were taken up seriatim, adopted, and the report as a whole was adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE SYNODICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

Illinois is still a great mission field with its rapidly developing towns and increasing population. While the need is great the work is full of promise. Dr. Logan, in his report, has already mentioned the many phases of Home Mission Work in our Synod and the splendid service and co-operation of the members of the different committees. I will therefore add only a few words on some special features that we may learn

by the past to use the methods which have been so greatly blessed.

In comparing the last three years we find increasing progress. In 1904 we reported the additions on examination to our Home Mission churches as 1,063, in the year 1905 as 1,301, and in the year 1906 as 1,300. The largest number of additions to Home Mission Churches in any presbytery outside of Chicago was 275 received on profession of faith by the Home Mission Churches in Schuyler Presbytery. This was due to a somewhat different method of work; in that we had many Home Mission conferences and a thoroughly organized co-operative evangelistic campaign lasting two or three months in this Presbytery. The additions on examination to all the churches in Schuyler Presbytery was 863 or a 16 per cent. increase, whereas the additions to the Home Mission churches was a gain of 28 per cent.

The effect of this great co-operative movement on the smaller churches of the Presbytery is worthy of special mention. A number of them had been making an effort to exist in groups of two or three under one minister. These became so much alive that five have secured all the time of a pastor, raising their contributions for the support of the gospel from $300 and $400 to $800. Four of them, becoming self-supporting without the aid of Home Mission funds, have all the time of a minister.

In the entire synod the number of Evangelistic meetings reported a year ago directed by the Superintendent was eighteen but during the past year thirty-two series of Evangelistic Meetings were held in the different Presbyteries besides those by the Presbyterial Missionary in Cairo Presbytery which would bring it up to fully 50. In the month of February there were, connected with our work, 84 days of Evangelistic Meetings; and 12 days given by one of the pastors outside of his church so that it would be 98 days of labor in Evangelistic Meetings; besides 14 days given by the Superintendent to general work, or in other words 112 days of work in February by three evangelists and the Superintendent. This resulted in 126 actual additions to our own church distributed in five different places.

By the liberality of the General Assembly's Committee we secured the promise of $1,000 on condition of raising an equal amount with the collections on the field where the meetings were held. We met our part and fully $2,500 was expended in this work, directing the labors of five evangelists, carefully guarding the churches from unworthy men so that the work

was uniformly successful and in many cases wonderfully so. When it is stated that in Schuyler Presbytery there were 863 additions on examinations it can easily be believed that there have been 2,000 people converted in these Evangelistic Meetings, held for the most part in the smaller churches. The gracious results of this work cannot be found in mere figures. It is certainly a matter for great gratitude in acknowledgement of God's blessing and seal on organization and systematic work for revival.

This year marks the largest number of immigrants coming to Illinois of any year of the past ten. Of all the states only New York and Pennsylvania received more and Ohio nearly the same. While very many immigrants settle in Chicago, yet large numbers are distributed over the state in mining towns and manufacturing centres. Through the Board of Publication we have had two months' work of a Lithuanian Colporteur, directed by the Superintendent. He visited about twenty towns and cities including East St. Louis, Springfield, and Peoria and had larger success and easier access to the people of his class in towns and smaller cities, than in larger cities where evil was fortified by numbers. He sold over 100 Lithuanian Bibles and Testaments and a few copies in Bohemian, Ruthenian, Polish and Russian and gave away many tracts and smaller books. From the statistics and information gathered we hope to do some special work as there are thousands of foreigners distributed over Illinois needing immediate religious help and instruction.

A few things are evident: 1st, That we have an almost unlimited field in Illinois for expansion, a splendid opportunity for our Presbyterian Church in Home Missions; 2nd, If the Superintendent has wisely and economically handled the raising and disbursing of funds in Evangelistic Meetings it may not seem wide of the mark for him to state that if he could be trusted with twice the amount of money in the same form of work Home Mission Evangelism in Presbyterial Simultaneous Meetings we would do more than twice as much for the development of our church in the state. Instead of pastors-at-large, four good evangelists could be directed and supported with less than $5,000, half of which could be raised on the field. This would, in my judgment, greatly stimulate Home Mission offerings.

By wise grouping and aggressive evangelistic work we expect to hold every important point brought to us by the union with the Cumberlands.

Great interest began to be manifest in evangelistic work in our Synod as far back as 1888 when Dr. George C. Noyes of Chicago Presbytery, chairman of the Home Mission Committee, reported recommending for this work as follows:

"That the churches contribute seven cents per member to an evangelistic fund by means of which the committee could carry on the work committed to it. Your committee believe with increasing strength of conviction that there is no more important work for this Synod to do, than to prosecute, with earnest and united effort, the work of evangelization in our bounds, according to the plan published in the Minutes of Synod for 1886." This meant four evangelists in the Synod.

EDGAR L. WILLIAMS, D. D.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

For the year ending October 1, 1906.

It is with profound gratitude to God that we call the attention of the Synod to the splendid record of work in the general field of Home Missions as set forth in the report of the Board to the last General Assembly. The total receipts were $911,793, being the largest amount received for current expenses in the history of the Board. When we add the receipts of the self-supporting Synods for their local work, we have a grand total of $1,173,000 for the evangelization of our land. The Board has aided 1,465 churches, employing 1,269 missionaries, including 37 Cuban, Porto Rican, Mexican and Indian helpers. In addition to this ministerial force, 555 teachers have labored in mission schools among the exceptional classes of our population. This school work has been the especial charge of the Woman's Board, which has had the most successful year in its history, having passed the half-million mark in its receipts. The additions to the churches assisted by the Board have been 15,633 persons. Adding 10,681, the results of the labors of 1,010 missionaries of the self-supporting Synods, we have 25,714, or more than 30 per cent. of additions on profession of faith in the entire church. When it is considered that the assisted churches are generally small, this is most convincing evidence of the value of Home Mission effort. The Board has laid plans for enlarged work during the present year, and has undertaken new work in the Panama Canal Zone which calls for largely increased contributions.

The Woman's Synodical Society for Home Missions reports a most satisfactory year's work. There has been an increase of 10 societies making 317 with a membership of 8,-

344; 47 young women's societies and bands and 91 Sabbath Schools have aided in the work. The contributions were $31,-243, an increase $3,711 over the previous year. Of the total amount contributed $6,035 was for mission work among the negro race.

The Board of Missions for Freedmen reports 222 ministers in 369 churches and missions to which were added 1,950 members on profession of faith, the aggregate membership being 22,797. 332 teachers instruct 13,996 pupils in the schools, academies and colleges. The Board of Home Missions has also assisted in the support of 10 negro ministers under the provisions of the Phineas M. Barber Fund. The amount contributed to the Freedmen's Board was $201,633, of which $10,549 came from Illinois. The General Assembly recommended an increase of contributions to $300,000 for this cause. The recent revival of race troubles in the south has made it evident that Christian schools, which will give thorough religious, moral and practical training, are absolutely essential to the solution of this difficult problem. Presbyterians should be reminded that their Freedmen's Board instituted manual training in their schools long before it was begun in those schools which have been more prominently before the public, and that their contributions to this cause should be sent through the authorized agency of the Church.

Home Missions in the Synod of Illinois.

Your committee takes pleasure in reporting that the overflow from its treasury into the treasury of the Board of Home Missions was $3,109, besides $200 sent to the relief of the California churches. This is an increase of over $1,000 beyond the amount sent from the same source last year. When we add the amount sent directly to the Board by the Churches, Sabbath Schools and Woman's Societies, and by individuals, we have the sum of $26,939 received by the Board from the living Church of Illinois. The legacies paid in 1905 were $18,-011, and in 1906 only $1,305. This will explain the apparent decrease in our gifts to the Board.

The work of Home Missions in the Synod has been carried on in accordance with our established plan. The various Presbyteries have assisted in sustaining 101 missionaries, or one less than last year. The assisted churches numbered 143, an increase of 29. This increase, however, is only apparent, as it was the practice in former years to report only those churches actually receiving financial aid within twelve months.

Many churches were supplied by pastors-at-large, and by the gratuitous services of neighboring ministers under the direction of the Home Mission Committee. All these churches, so far as reported by the chairmen of the Presbyterial committees, are included in this year's report. The aggregate membership of the assisted churches is 10,142. The additions on profession of faith were 1,300, distributed among the Presbyteries as follows, the first figure being the Home Mission membership in the Presbytery, and the second the number of additions: Alton 992-93, Bloomington 639-94, Cairo 975-134, Chicago, 3596-431, Freeport 332-23, Mattoon 540-71, Ottawa 198-28, Peoria 459-46, Rock River 490-46, Schuyler 1124-275, Springfield 797-59. There were 526 baptisms of adults and 380 of infants. 143 Sabbath Schools are reported with a membership of 14,370. 137 church buildings have an estimated value of $534,500. Debts were paid in 11 churches to the amount of $9,440. 8 churches reached self-support, and 2 new churches were organized. Incomplete reports give 40 parsonages with an estimated value of $56,400. 127 assisted churches contributed $6,686 to the Boards of the Church other than that of Home Missions, and 49 of these churches contributed to all the Boards. Of the 471 churches in the entire Synod, 308 are reported as self-sustaining.

Involving as it does the special problems of city missions, the work of the Presbytery of Chicago has been prosecuted along special lines under the continued supervision of the Presbyterial Superintendent, Rev. George P. Williams, D. D. 37 missionaries and other workers have been employed in churches and missions having 3,596 members, of whom 431 were added by profession of faith, and 309 by certificate. There are 36 Sabbath Schools with a membership of 5,855. The Womans' Board sustains five schools with 245 scholars amongst the foreign-speaking population of Chicago.

Under our plan of operation throughout the Synod, the supervision of the Home Mission work has been in charge of the Presbyterial committees, and it has involved on their part a vast amount of labor without compensation. It is only by the continuance of this voluntary service that we can expend so large a portion of our receipts in assisting in the support of the laborers in the weaker churches. The added burden of administering the affairs of the church at large is the price Presbyterians pay for the parity of the ministry, and it is cheerfully borne by the members of this as of other committees of the Synod. Frequent changes in the personnel of the

committee have made even more apparent the necessity of a Superintendent of Home Mission work, and the Synod is fortunate in having had the continued service in this capacity of Rev. Edgar L. Williams, D. D.

The work of our Superintendent during the year has been of a varied character. He has been instrumental in securing increased contributions for pastoral support in a number of churches, thus making it possible to secure settled ministers. In one instance this was the first settlement of a resident Presbyterian minister in the town for twenty years. He has encouraged desponding churches to introduce better business methods, and thus has taught them how to help themselves. He has attended meetings of the Presbyteries, and has addressed popular meetings, occasionally in the stronger churches, stimulating increased contributions. He has laid special emphasis on the importance of keeping up the country churches. He has assisted Presbyterial committees in placing ministers in vacant churches. He has attended a number of conferences with Presbyterial committees and with representatives of the former Cumberland Presbyterian Church in regard to co-operation in the common work. He has given continued encouragement to new church enterprises. The churches of Herrin and Middletown, organized through his assistance, have their houses of worship under way, and they will soon be occupied. He has been specially successful in organizing and conducting several campaigns of evangelism by which more than 30 churches of the Synod were revived. In the Presbytery of Schuyler the organization was thorough and had the hearty support of the ministry, and much service rendered gratuitously. The campaign continued two months during which 16 Home Mission churches received evangelistic help. Some of these churches became self-supporting, nearly doubling their membership, and also their contributions to Home Missions. A similar Home Mission Evangelistic Campaign with revival conferences is planned by the Superintendent to begin November 1st in the Presbytery of Mattoon. By personally presenting the matter while the committee was in session in August, Dr. Williams has secured the renewal of an appropriation of $1,000 from the General Assembly's Committee on Evangelism for work in Illinois.

An interesting feature of the year's work has been the employing of a colporteur to labor among the foreign population of the state. Rev. Charles E. Edwards, who has been deeply interested in this special work for many years, secured

the promise of a worker from the training school in Pittsburg in case provision could be made for his support. The matter was referred to the chairman who corresponded with the Presbyterian Board of Publication and Sunday School Work, and they agreed to appoint a colporteur to work two months in Illinois, the only expense to the Synod being his railroad fare from Pittsburg and return. Fortunatus Bagocius, an intelligent and energetic young Lithuanian, reported in Springfield July 3d. His work was delayed by the failure to receive promptly a supply of Bibles and tracts in the various languages, and he could not begin his tour till July 27th. Before September 1st he had visited about 20 cities and towns, and had sold over 100 Lithuanian Bibles and Testaments, and a few copies in Bohemian, Ruthenian, Polish and Russian, besides giving away many tracts and smaller books. He did not find any locality in which foreigners of a given language in sympathy with Protestantism were sufficiently numerous to be organized into a church. Your committee is of the opinion that, for the present, this work can be most successfully carried on by such an arrangement with the Board of Publication and Sunday School Work as was made last summer. In Chicago there is an Italian church and two Italian missions, and a Bohemian Church. There are 12 German-speaking Presbyterian Churches in the Synod. The brief experience in this new line of work has convinced your committee that there is need of more co-operation between the authorized agencies of our church and the Bible and Tract Societies in the preparation and distribution of Bibles and literature in the different foreign languages; and that in some instances cheaper and better books could be obtained by direct importation. We recommend that the attention of the agencies within and without the Church be called to this matter.

Your committee was represented by three members at the conference of Synods supporting their own Home Mission work held in November 1905. Many valuable suggestions were made at this meeting, specially with reference to work among the foreign-speaking population. Subject to the approval of the Synods, arrangements have been made for a second conference at Indianapolis in November, 1906. It is important that it be held inasmuch as the General Assembly has constituted a Standing Committee on Synodical Home Missions, and there is need of uniformity in reporting our work. We ask the Synod to authorize our committee to send representatives to the proposed conference at an expense not to exceed $50.

The union of the Presbyterian and Cumberland Presbyterian Churches which was consummated at the last General Assembly will involve some adjustment of Home Mission work. There were 196 Cumberland Presbyterian churches in Illinois, with the exception of 4 or 5 in Chicago, all being south of a line drawn east and west through Peoria. Within the bounds of the Presbytery of Cairo they had 62 churches, which added to those connected with this Synod, will give us over 100 churches within that territory. Many of these are in the country, and they will help us to solve the rural problem, but they will also add greatly to our responsibilities. The executive committee held a conference with the similar committee of the Church Extension Society of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and subsequently an informal conference was held at their Synod. It was deemed best that the Church Extension Society should continue its work for the coming year, appealing for support to its former constituency. Preliminary arrangements, however, should be made at this meeting of Synod for the consolidation of the Home Mission work of the State. In several instances Presbyterian and former Cumberland Presbyterian Churches have already consolidated. Other unions of this sort can be effected with advantage. It is, however, of the utmost importance that none of the weaker churches be lost through neglect. The reunion of 1870 resulted in a diminution in the number of Presbyterian churches in the country and in the smaller towns. We must guard against a recurrence of this blunder in the reunion of 1906. Your committee ask the hearty co-operation of the entire Synod in their effort to make the present reunion an occasion of advanced effort in the evangelization of our State.

Recommendations.

1. The Synod recognizes the new opportunities and obligations confronting a reunited church, and resolves to meet them by an earnest, aggressive and enthusiastic advance along all lines of Home Missionary efforts. To this end the several Presbyteries are urged to use the most effective methods to increase contributions to this cause. The churches are reminded that its success requires a contribution of at least 30 cents a member. All Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies are urged to make contributions directly to the Presbyterial Treasurers, in order that the Youth of the Church may be trained in its system of benevolence.

2. The thanks of the Synod are extended to the Board of

Publication and Sabbath School work for sending a colporteur to labor under the direction of your committee, amongst the foreign-speaking population; and we invite its continued co-operation as a step toward more thorough work in establishing schools and churches amongst these people.

3. The Synod approves the proposal to hold a second conference of representatives of Synods supporting their own Home Mission work, and authorizes arrangements for future conference, if the measure meets the approval of the reprsentatives from the Synods interested. The committee is authorized to send delegates to such a conference at Indianapolis in November, 1906, at an expense not to exceed fifty dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. D. LOGAN, Chairman.

To the SYNOD OF ILLINOIS:

The Treasurer of the Home Mission Committee begs leave to submit the following tabulated report:

I. Report of the Synodical Treasurer.

II. Compiled reports of the Presbyterial Treasurers.

III. Report of Mr. H. C. Olin, Treasurer of Home Board, New York.

IV. Summary of the Home Mission Gifts of the Synod of Illinois.

V. Averages, etc.

I. Treasury of the Synodical Committee.

SEPTEMBER 15, 1905, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 1906, (Twelve months and two weeks.)

1. RECEIPTS

Presbyteries	From Presbyterial Treasurers	Pulpit Supplies Synodical Superintendent	For Evangelistic Work	For Herrin Church	Total
Alton		$ 3 50			$ 3 50
Bloomington	$ 600 00	40 00	$ 133 25		773 25
Cairo		6 00	109 60		115 60
Chicago	250 00 ‡190 04				2159 04
Freeport	500 00	47 70			547 70
Mattoon		10 00	261 00		271 00
Ottawa	150 00	18 00	76 55		244 55
Peoria		60 00	71 80		131 80
Rock River	600 00	31 00	69 00		700 00
Schuyler	500 00	227 00	770 59		1497 59
Springfield	1300 00	22 50	64 13	$408 85	1795 48
					*1177 62
Total	$5809 04	$465 70	$1555 92	$408 85	$9417 13
From General Assembly Committee			$1000 00		$1000 00
			$2555 92		$10417 13

* Cash on hand Sept. 15, 1905, $1132.94. Stamps, .20. Interest on deposits during year, $44 48. Total 1177.62.

‡Chicago's ten per cent. for Home Board.

2. EXPENDITURES.

September 15, 1905 to September 30, 1906. (Twelve months and two weeks.)

Administrative Expenses—		
Printing	$ 33 75	
Postage, express, stationery, etc	16 97	
Committee meetings	157 25	$ 207 97
Illinois Work—		
Grants to Presbyteries, Alton $300, Cairo 400	700 00	
Synodical Superintendent's salary and expenses	1876 67	
Evangelistic work	2595 05	
To Herrin Church	500 00	
Two delegates to Inter-Synodical meeting	49 45	
Traveling expenses of Fortuna'us Bagocious	15 75	5736 92
New York Board—		
Designated by donor	1909 04	
Grant by Synodical Committee	1200 00	
" " " " for California Relief	200 00	3309 04
Total expenditures		$ 9253 93
Cash balance on hand September 30, 1906, General Fund	$ 653 08	
Evangelistic Fund	329 20	
Herrin Church Fund	180 92	
Total Receipts		10417 13
Report September 15, 1905, (twelve months and two weeks.)		
Expenditures	6791 59	
Cash Balance	1132 94	$ 7924 53
Report September 1, 1904, (eleven months.)		
Expenditures	2402 23	
Cash Balance	936 71	3338 94

II. TREASURIES OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

SEPTEMBER 1905 TO OCTOBER 1, 1906.

1. RECEIPTS.

Presbyteries	Chrs.	Schools	Young Peoples' S'cieties	§Other Sources	Total Receipts	Cash Balance Sept.'05	Total Credits
Alton	$ 1306 09	$ 60 36	$ 75 96	$ †348 60	$ 1791 01	$ 508 25	$ 2299 26
Bloomington	2067 99	79 93	104 03	.....	2251 95	546 30	2798 25
Cairo	1201 45	42 10	112 25	1973 57	3329 37	617 78	2947 15
Chicago	*18132 01	530 54	263 52	3148 00	22074 07	7176 11	29250 18
Freeport	1020 65	127 04	36 71	11 00	1195 40	840 56	2035 96
Mattoon	776 36	9 25	53 00	.....	838 61	247 67	1086 28
Ottawa	374 20	69 32	100 33	20 06	563 91	276 41	840 32
Peoria	1667 93	44 00	.....	241 30	1953 63	113 70	2066 93
Rock River	1249 18	84 36	106 30	13 78	1453 62	392 54	1846 16
Schuyler	1288 06	108 14	44 21	.....	1440 41	771 42	2211 83
Springfield	1249 14	75 21	59 00	340 00	1723 35	2510 59	4233 94
Total, 1906	$30333 06	$1230 25	$955 31	$5096 31	$37614 93	$14001 33	$51616 26
Total, 1905	30069 02	1244 26	825 33	3366 11	35504 72	13569 69	49074 41

2. EXPENDITURES.

Presbyteries	Salaries of Missionaries	To Synod. Treas.	Administrative Expenses	Total	Cash Balance Sept. 30,'06	Total Debits
Alton	$ 1521 43	.....	$ 20 95	$ 1542 38	$ 756 88	$ 2299 26
Bloomington	2114 68	$ 600 00	8 35	2723 03	75 22	2798 25
Cairo	2319 35	.....	38 32	2357 67	589 48	2947 15
Chicago	19970 83	2159 04	723 29	22853 16	6397 02	29250 18
Freeport	466 68	500 00	58 55	1025 23	1010 73	2035 96
Mattoon	998 40	.....	6 85	1005 25	81 03	1086 28
Ottawa	225 00	150 00	13 50	388 50	451 82	840 32
Peoria	1938 21	.....	6 50	1944 71	122 22	2066 93
Rock River	1009 17	600 00	16 30	1625 47	220 69	1846 16
Schuyler	1527 91	500 00	6 65	2034 56	177 27	2211 83
Springfield	312 50	1700 00	13 25	2025 75	2208 19	4233 94
Total, 1906	$32404 16	$6209 04	$912 71	$39525 71	$ 12090 55	$ 51616 26
Total, 1905	30611 20	3997 48	957 65	35556 33	771 42	49074 41

*Chicago reports, April 1, 1905 to April 1, 1906. †Includes amount received from Synod. §From Synod, Ladies' Societies, Individuals, Interest, and Mission fields as so reported.

III. Report of Mr. H. C. Olin, Treas. of the Home Board, New York.

SEPTEMBER 1, 1905, TO SEPTEMBER 1, 1906

Presbyteries	Through Woman's Boards	Churches, S. S., C. E., etc., direct to New York.	Synodical Treasurer, A. R. B.	Total	Living Individuals	Legacies	Total from all sources
Alton	$ 509 82	$ 71 50		$ 581 32			$ 581 32
Bloomington	2813 20	40 36		2853 56			2853 56
Cairo	402 73	6 50		409 23			409 23
Chicago	9860 78	270 28	$ 1909 04	12040 10			12040 10
Freeport	811 52	94 17		905 69			905 69
Mattoon	804 05	97 00		901 05			901 05
Ottawa	446 76	10 00		456 76			456 76
Peoria	1653 49	144 65		1798 14			1798 14
Rock River	1063 48	26 65		1090 13			1090 13
Schuyler	1258 60	140 26		1398 86			1398 86
Springfield	1798 30	176 72		1975 02			1975 02
From Synod	10 00		1200 00	1210 00	$1120 00	$1305 00	3635 00
California Relief			200 00				200 00
Total	$ 21432 73	$1078 09	3309 04	$25619 86	$1120 00	$1305 00	$ 28244 86

IV. Summary of Home Mission Contributions.

Woman's Board of Home Missions		$ 21432 73	
Churches, S. S., C. E., etc., direct to Board		1078 09	
Synodical treasurer to Board		3109 04	
Total to Board from agencies of the Church			$25619 86
Relief to California churches			200 00
Gifts to Board from living individuals		1120 00	
Gifts to Board from legacies		1305 00	
Total to Board from individuals			2425 00
Total to Board from all sources			28244 86
Expended in Presbyterial work—			
Missionaries	$32404 16		
Administration	912 71	33316 87	
Expended in Synodical work, including evangelistic meetings		5944 89	
Total expended within the Synod			39261 76
			67506 62
Reported in minutes of the General Assembly			$101019 00
" " " " " " " 1905			102543 00

V. Averages, Etc.

Presbyteries	Members in Minutes of Assem'ly 1906	Total Contributions Herein Reported	Cents Per Member	No. of Churches	Not Contributing	Contributors			Aided Churches Contributing	No. of Missionaries
						Churches	Schools	C. E.'s		
Alton	5613	1491.01	.27	50	15	35	5	7	10	?
Bloomington	8402	2251.95	.27	55	16	39	8	18	5	6
Cairo....	4005	1929.37	.46	40	8	32	6	14	10	15
Chicago..... ..	26071	22074.07	.85	94	4	90	18	16	32	37
Freeport.....	5012	1195.40	.24	30	6	24	10	6	5	?
Mattoon	4597	838.61	.18	34	14	20	2	2	8	6
Ottawa	3404	563.91	.17	22	6	16	7	10	2	2
Peoria.....	6279	1953.63	.31	37	5	34	2	....	7	4
Rock River...	5360	1453 62	.27	35	2	33	10	5	6	7
Schuyler	6104	1440.41	.24	41	9	32	8	4	17	13
Springfield ...	6093	1723.35	.28	33	17	18	3	4	2	2
Total.....	80943	36915.33	.46	471	102	373	79	86	104	92
Cumberland Chur		ches in Illinoi		196						
1905..... ..	77326	37504.10	.48	471	98	383	83	81	103	102

A. R. Bickenbach, Treasurer S. H. M. Comm., Illinois

Rev. S. M. Morton presented the report of the Committee on Nomination of Permanent Committees. It was adopted and is as follows:

THE SPIRITUAL LIFE OF THE CHURCH.

W. C. Covert, Chairman, A. B. Morey, J. F. Young, S. S. Cryor, W. I. Alexander, J. D. McCaughtry, J. A. Tracy, B. L. Brittin, W. M. Maxton, L. K. Grimes, E. M. Page.

THE YOUTH OF THE CHURCH.

A. M. Little, Chairman, Robert Carson, J. M. Thompson, H. M. Markley, Henry Hepburn, J. W. Allen, Jr., C. C. Miller, J. A. Gallaher, C. H. Miller, S. W. Findley, J. R. Sager.

GENERAL CHURCH WORK.

W. E. Archibald, Chairman; D. G. Carson, W. A. Hutchison, W. C. Crofts, J. G. Lowrie, Geo. Dunlap, E. P. Rankin, H. L. Moore, Geo. L. Robinson, A. S. Buchanan, M. C. Long.

The Moderator appointed Rev. C. F. Moore to prepare a resolution of thanks.

The Treasurer was authorized to pay the railroad expenses of three delegates to the Women's Missionary Meeting.

Rev. J. L. Horton. representing the American Bible Society, addressed Synod.

Synod took recess until 2 o'olock.

THURSDAY, 2 P. M.

Synod was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer was offered.

Rev. L. H. Shock presented the report of the Committee on General Church Work which was received. Pending its adoption Synod was addressed by Rev. J. K. Shields, Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Illinois, and by Rev. A. A. Pfanstiehl and Rev. E. R. Worrell, the latter representing the General Assembly's Committee on Temperance. The report and recommendations were adopted as follows:

GENERAL CHURCH WORK.

Mr. Moderator and Brethren:

Your Committee on General Church Work has a variety of subjects committed to its care. General Church Work includes (according to Standing Rule 9, Section 6) Systematic Beneficence, Ministerial Relief, Church Erection, Temperance Reform, Sabbath Observance and such other practical measures as are not otherwise provided for. According to an act of Synod passed in 1904 (See Minutes 1904, page 286) the various Boards and agencies included under the supervision of this committee were to be informed "that to successfully accomplish our purpose we cannot give the floor to their representative oftener than once in two years." We presume, however, that this action was not intended to be an ironclad rule that was never to be broken; and inasmuch as a subject presented last year seems to grow in importance each succeeding year, we expect to give it a prominent place again this year and to ask Synod to give its representatives a hearing.

Before calling your attention to the temperance reform, however, we desire to refer briefly to several other causes of great interest and importance.

The first one we will mention is the American Bible Society. This society is doing a grand work and is deserving of our hearty support. A letter from the Rev. John Fox, D. D., one of the corresponding secretaries, has been placed in our hands, a part of which we desire to read.

Another society that is doing a good work and has a claim upon our generosity is the Chicago Tract Society. Large quantities of literature of a pernicious sort are freely circulated in this country. The Chicago Tract Society is trying to counteract the influence of this debasing literature in that city and elsewhere in the state by putting into the hands and homes of the people, and especially of the foreign born, literature of the right sort.

We desire to refer just briefly to the subject of Systematic Beneficence. This is an important subject and too little attention, we fear, has been given to the Systematic end of it. We are persuaded that the better the system the larger the beneficence, and that the system could be improved upon in a great many places within the borders of this Synod. The system or plan, for instance, that does not secure an offering each year, for every Board of our Church, from every member that may be called a regular attendant upon the services of the church,

is not, in our estimation, a very good one. Neither can we commend the plan that does not help to arouse enthusiasm in the matter of giving to the Missionary and Benevolent agencies of our Church.

We believe the subscription plan for securing offerings for the Missionary and Benevolent causes accredited and conducted by our church to be one of the best. Subscription blanks for this purpose, as well as envelopes, can be secured free, in such numbers as may be desired, of the General Assembly's Special Committee on Systematic Beneficence.

The Committee also has on hand for free distribution a number of very helpful leaflets on Systematic Giving. Those desiring any of Committee's literature should address the chairman: THE REV. DAVID G. WYLIE, D. D.,
No. 10 West 96th St., New York City.
or the Secretary, THE REV. W. H. HUBBARD, D. D.,
No. 35 Franklin St., Auburn, N. Y.

In calling attention to the problem of Temperance Reform in our state, we gratefully acknowledge the interest that is being manifested by our people and churches in this cause. Commendable though this is, yet it is deplorable that not more responsibility is felt by many pastors and people in this work, upon which depends so much of the development of noble character, happy homes, worthy citizenship and all that makes for the purity, safety and perpetuity of our institutions, political, social, educational and religious. Steady advance is made however from year to year. Without in any way minimizing our gratitude to God for the work done by the many societies and organizations having as their object the overthrow of the liquor traffic, we call special attention to the fact that strong forces have been federated and marshalled by the Anti-Saloon League —the organization, more than any other, that is hated and opposed and cursed by the saloonists—the best commendation of its influence and effectiveness it could possibly wish and the best and most unanswerable argument that could possibly be presented for the confidence, support and co-operation of our churches. It needs our heartiest support and deserves it.

The following petition has been sent to us by the Women's Synodical Temperance Association of the Synod of Pennsylvania; Mrs. Ellen M. Watson, Corresponding Secretary:

"To the International Committee of the Evangelical Alliance:

Dear Fathers and Brothers:

"Believing, as we do, that intemperance and its results

constitute one of the greatest obstacles in the way of the Gospel in every land, and having unshaken faith in the willingness of God to answer the believing prayers of his people, we, as Christian workers, earnestly petition that one entire day of

The Week of Prayer

be devoted to prayer for the removal of the drinking usages of society, and the abolition of the traffic in alcoholic beverages and of the opium habit and trade."

We recommend that Synod endorse this petition and that the Stated Clerk return the same as requested, with the official signatures of this body.:

Respectfully submitted,
L. H. SCHOCK, Chairman.

Rev. S. W. Findley presented the report for the Committee on The Youth of the Church. It was received and Rev. F. W. Russell, of St. Louis, addressed Synod on the subject "The Duty of the Church to Her Youth."

The report was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE YOUTH OF THE CHURCH.

To the Synod of Illinois in session at East St. Louis, October 16-18, 1906.

Brethren and Fathers:

In undertaking to prepare and present to you a report on the Youth of the Church, your committee is constrained to repeat the complaint found in the report of this committee last year, namely, "This Synod has constituted a committee on the Youth of the Church, but it has not provided means so far for gathering the combined reports of the Young People's Societies and the Sabbath School work." Possibly this adjustment will be made when the General Assembly's transfer of the Young People's work to the Board of Publication and Sunday School Work is completed or perhaps we would better say—when the Young People's work is reorganized as a part of the work of the Board of Publication and Sunday School work.

It is difficult enough to get reports from eleven presbyterial committee chairmen; but when you multiply the number of committee chairmen by two, you have increased the difficulty in the same proportion.

At best, figures are of, at least, questionable value, in a re-

port like this. And in the incompleteness of the reports, they can scarcely be of any value. However, there are some things of interest and possible profit suggested by the reports on Young People's Work, which have been received.

Where anything more than numerical statistics is given in these reports, there is a variation between optimism and pessimism, concerning the general results of the work. One Presbytery which was swept by a revival last Winter, reports—"General results only fair; need of greater interests on the part of pastors and elders." Taking this as a correct diagnosis of, and prescription for, the case, it affords a text for a sermon on the duties of pastors and sessions to the Young People's Societies.

That the Young People's Societies in many instances have lost their old time vigor and activity, can scarcely be denied. The report mentioned above would lay the responsibility for this on the pastors and sessions. Doubtless a part of it at least is thus laid just where it belongs. Possibly pastors and sessions are expecting too much of the Young People's Societies. There was a time when these societies were so full of enthusiasm and earnestness that the work went on seemingly of itself. But another generation of young people has arisen, which has not caught this spirit of enthusiasm which was born of the newness of the work. To them Christian Endeavor is an old story. Some lines of work have ceased to be as interesting as they once were. On this account, the societies need the direction of pastor and session into new ways of doing old work or possibly into altogether new fields of work. But more than this, the Society today needs the inspiration and encouragement which can come only with the manifest interest of pastor and session in the work.

Possibly the pastor and some of the elders belong to the generation which kindled the first fire of Christian Endeavor enthusiasm. Then all the better can they bring something of value to the society today.

Another report says—"Some pastors are not satisfied with their young people, as they are not living up to their pledge in the support of the regular church services.

So the pastor does not support the Endeavor Society and the Endeavor Society doesn't support the pastor.

There is no opportunity here to make an appeal to the Young People, though such an appeal may be needed; but your committee believes that in trying to bring about better relations between the pastors and the Young People's Societies, the ad-

vances should be made by the pastors. We should not only take an interest in the work of the Young People in the Endeavor Society, but we should enter into their work with a cordial sympathy, endeavoring to see things from their viewpoint rather than trying to compel them to our way of seeing. We should brush up our memory of the days when we were young.

Your committee feels that too much emphasis cannot be laid upon the importance of the educational side of Young People's work. And this especially along the line of Bible study.

Every member of every society should be engaged in some systematic study of the Bible. One of the most effective lines of work carried on by the Young Men's Christian Association at our educational centers, is the organization of the students and faculty for definite study of the Bible. Why could not the same idea be worked out in our Endeavor Societies. Such courses as those outlined by the Blakesly system or by Bosworth are practical. Much of this work could be done in connection with the Sabbath School.

This leads us to the consideration of the other great phase of the work for the Youth of the Church, namely—The Sabbath School.

First from the view-point of the Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work.

The report of the Board to the last General Assembly says, "The year just closed has been one of progress. The circulation of our lesson helps and papers has increased, the contributions to our missionary work have been greater, and more missionaries and colporteurs have been employed than in any previous year."

And the time since the meeting of the General Assembly seems to have emphasized these facts. The deepening of interest in Mission work is one of the most hopeful signs of the times in Sabbath School work. A very marked increase in offerings to Sabbath School missions marked the celebration of Children's Day last June.

The Board desires us to call attention again to the "complete separation of the business and missionary interests of the Board. The missionary funds are kept entirely distinct from the business operations. All money contributed to the Board is placed in the missionary fund; and every cent of it is used for missionary work. Two-thirds of the business profits are appropriated each year to the missionary fund. This amounted last year to $17,995.29. In this way all the expenses of admin-

istration are met and a large sum added to the missionary resources.

Just a few figures showing some of the things which are being accomplishe in this line of work:

We have more than 8,700 schools connected with the various Presbyterian churches. We have more than 3,500 schools under the care of our Sabbath school missionaries. This gives us a total of more than 12,000 Presbyterian Sabbath schools in whose welfare we ared irectly or indirectly concerned. In the past eighteen years, 966 Presbyterian churches have grown out of the Sabbath schools organized by our missionaries. This is more than one church for each week of those eighteen years. Last year 74 Presbyterian churches grew out of our Mission Sabbath schools. So that this work becomes a very important factor in the growth of our church.

Next, from the view-point of the Synod. For the statistical report of the Sabbath School work in the Synod of Illinois, we beg to refer you to the Minutes of the General Assembly for 1906, page 355. From the meagre reports which reached your committee, we feel safe in saying that the work is fairly encouraging.

The best report we have received is that of Mattoon Presbytery. There are some things in it which we cannot refrain from repeating to you. Speaking of the Cradle roll department, this report says:

"The cradle roll is not a poetic fancy, a spasm of imagination, it is common sense applied to babies when you cannot with safety apply much of anything else to them." There is no question in these days about the wisdom of laying hold of the children for God at the very beginning o ftheir lives. If we believe in eddicating our children to God in the rite of baptism, why not believe also in dedicating them to the study of God's word at the very earliest possible moment?

If the Presbyterian church has anything in its interpretation of Scripture, anything in its standards, anything in its doctrines worth standing for, how can they be better preserved than by teaching them to our children.

In closing this report your committee would call attention to some of the recommendations of the Committee on Young People's work adopted by the last General Assembly, viz:

"2. That the General Assembly hereby assigns the work of Young People's societies to the Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work; and directs that when an additional department of the Board is created it shall be known as the depart-

ment of Young People's work, and one of our strongest young men shall be employed by the Board as Superintendent."

"5. In order that the church should not lose the force of organization already operative, we recommend that present arrangements pertaining to the Work of Young People's societies in the lower courts of our Church shall stand, and that no change shall be made until the requirements of the work under the new plan be more clearly outlined and reported to the General Assembly. And we further recommend that in future a place be given to this department on the program of the General Assembly for a popular meeting."

Your committee offers no recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL W. FINDLEY, Chairman.

The Committee on Attendance and Absence presented its report through Rev. R. M. Crissman. It was adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Attendance and Absence report having heard the requests and excuses of all those unable to attend all sessions of the Synod and have excused the following:

ALTON PRESBYTERY.

R. L. Evans, 7 A. M. Thursday.
V. B. Scott, 3:00 P. M. Thursday.

BLOOMINGTON PRESBYTERY.

C. S. Adams, 10:30 A. M. Thursday.

CAIRO PRESBYTERY.

E. E. Willis, 11:00 A. M. Thursday.
M. C. Stonecipher, 4:00 P. M. Thursday.
G. W. Entsminger, P. M. Thursday.
J. J. Pierson, P. M. Thursday.

CHICAGO PRESBYTERY.

G. P. Williams, Wednesday night.
W. S. P. Bryan, Wednesday night.
F. N. Riale, Thursday noon.
A. C. Manson, Thursday noon.
W. H. Matthews, Thursday noon.
S. DeBruine, Thursday noon.
W. E. Donaldson, Thursday noon.

W. T. Wilcox, Thursday noon.
A. Lewis, Thursday noon.
F. M. Carson, Thursday noon.
H. W. Johnson, Thursday noon.
E. N. Ware, Thursday noon.
J. H. Kerr, Thursday noon.
C. G. Reynolds, Thursday noon.

FREEPORT PRESBYTERY.

R. D. Kearns.

MATTOON PRESBYTERY.

A. A. Eiler, W. J. Caldwell, R. B. Irwin, S. M. Morton, Thursday 4 P. M.

PEORIA PRESBYTERY.

F. L. Clemens, Wednesday Night.

ROCK RIVER PRESBYTERY.

A. H. Crossmann, Thursday afternoon.
W. C. Crofts, Thursday afternoon.
W. S. Marquis, Wednesday.

SCHUYLER PRESBYTERY.

J. P. Moore, 2:00 P. M. Thursday.

SPRINGFIELD PRESBYTERY.

W. H. Penhallegon, Thursday noon.

Respectfully submitted,
W. E. ARCHIBALD,
E. B. LANDIS,
R. M. CRISSMAN,
Committee.

Rev. C. F. Moore offered a resolution expressive of Synod's appreciation of the hospitality shown by the entertaining church, which was adopted and ordered to be read at the popular meeting tonight.

The roll was called and following found to be present:

ROLL OF SYNOD.

ALTON PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—L. H. Schock, F. P. Witherspoon, C. F. Wilson.

Elders—F. Carson, W. F. Dillman, W. Beckwith, J. Hepburn.

BLOOMINGTON PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—D. S. McCaslin, W. D. Smith, H. G. Gleiser, S. W. Findley, J. A. Liggitt.

Elders—E. Bigelow, W. B. Rundle, T. C. McCaughey.

CAIRO PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—B. F. Guille, L. M. Scroggs, A. S. Buchanan, F. E. Birkett.

Elders—M. Blanchard.

CHICAGO PRESBYTERY.

Ministers C. H. Johnson, E. N. Ware, G. N. Luccock, A. L. Benton, W. F. Goff, E. B. Hubbell, W. W. Johnstone, H. S. Jenkinson, J. MacLagan, A. A. Pfanstiehl, G. E. Young, W. L. Porter, L. M. Belden, A. G. Work.

Elders—J. M. Hillers, A. A. Pawling, P. Storms, R. C. Breneisa, J. Scott, J. Hay, W. W. Clark, E. J. Holden, R. W. Gibson, C. D. B. Howell, A. G. McQueen, N. S. Best, J. Franz.

FREEPORT PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—T. S. Scott, J. L. Tait, T. Balcoff, R. M. Crissman.

Elders—J. Sillers, H. Richart, W. Gregory, J. Dittmar, Chas. Erbe.

MATTOON PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—E. B. Landis, H. A. Bradford, S. M. Morton.

Elders—S. F. Wilson, M. J. Naphew, J. W. Tate.

OTTAWA PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—J. H. Stevenson, H. Hepburn.

PEORIA PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—H. Jack, B. Y. George, A. R. Mathes, C. E. Alexander, B. Thomas, W. J. Manifold.

Elders—J. N. Irwin, W. E. Reed, F. L. Clemans, J. E. Armstrong, C. H. Northrup.

ROCK RIVER PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—C. M. Robb, H. Cullen, T. R. Johnson, C. F. Moore, C. S. West.

Elders—H. P. Salmon, F. G. Brusso, S. F. Burrows.

SCHUYLER PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—J. H. Bratton, J. M. Thompson, W. T. Reynolds, J. L. Hartsook, J. K. Bliss.

Elders—L. E. Ohler, J. M. Dunlap, W. H. Laird, G. T. Jennings.

SPRINGFIELD PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—E. C. Pires, E. M. Steen.

Elders—W. I. Kincaid.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Stated Clerk offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod does now adjourn to meet on the third Tuesday of October, 1907, at such place as shall be decided upon by the Moderator and Stated and Permanent Clerks of this Synod, unless other arrangements are made by the provisions of the enabling acts for the consolidation of the Synod, to be adopted by the General Assembly of the United Church meeting at Columbus, Ohio, May 16, 1907. In which case, said officers of this Synod shall arrange for the meeting of Synod in conformity with the acts of the General Assembly.

Synod adjourned with prayer and the Apostolic Benediction by the Rev. Thomas E. Scott.

THURSDAY, 7:30 P. M.

A popular meeting was held at which Rev. E. L. Williams presided. Addresses were made by Rev. Chas. L. Thompson of the Board of Home Missions, and Rev. M. Bross Thomas on the subject of Christian Education.

C. HARMON JOHNSON, Permanent Clerk.

Attest: GEO. J. E. RICHARDS, Stated Clerk.

I. STANDING RULES OF THE SYNOD.

1. The General Rules for the Judicatories recommended from time to time by the General Assembly shall be the rules of the Synod.

2. The Synod, consisting of Commissioners chosen by the Presbyteries according to the ratio of one minister and one elder for every five ministers on the roll of each Presbytery, shall meet annually on the third Tuesday of October, at 7:30 p. m., and in the place designated at the previous annual meeting.

3. The officers of the Synod shall be a Moderator and two Temporary Clerks, who shall serve for one year; a Stated Clerk, who shall also be treasurer, and a Permanent Clerk, who shall serve during the term of five years, or until their successors are elected. The salary of the Stated Clerk and Treasurer shall be $250 per year, and that of the Permanent Clerk $75 per year. The Moderator and Permanent Officers shall be chosen by ballot, but in case only one nomination is made, the election shall be viva voce.

4. A Committee of Arrangements shall be appointed annually, consisting of six members, among whom shall be the Stated and Permanent Clerks, the Moderator, and the Pastor of the church in which the Synod meets, the Stated Clerk to be ex-officio Chairman. This Committee shall prepare the order of business for the Synod in consultation with the Chairmen of the Permanent and Standing Committees as hereinafter described, and shall also have charge of the railroad transportation of the members.

5. A list of the Commissioners of each Presbytery shall be forwarded by its Stated Clerk to the Stated Clerk of the Synod at least one week previous to the annual meeting.

6. The annual meeting of the Synod shall be opened with a sermon by the Moderator, or, in case of his failure, by some one designated by the Committee of Arrangements.

7. At least one-half hour of each day of the sessions shall be given to devotional services.

8. The following Standing Committees shall be appointed annually, viz:

On Bills and Overtures, 7 members.
On Judicial Business, 7 members.
On Minutes of General Assembly, 5 members.
On Finance and Treasurer's Accounts, 3 members.
On Attendance and Absence, 5 members.

On records of the Presbyteries, one member to constitute a General Committee to prepare and present the report, and eleven committees of three members each to examine the records of the Presbyteries and to report on the same to the General Committee.

9. The Permanent Committees of Synod shall be six in number.

1.—On the Spiritual Life of the Churches in the bounds of the Synod.

It shall present the religious condition and needs of our Churches, shall receive from the Presbyteries ten days before the annual meeting a written report on the state of religion covering a synodical year, shall prepare the narrative for the General Assembly and present it for the consideration of Synod, and shall have charge of Evangelistic and other movements looking to the quickening of the Spiritual Life, so far as these pertain to this Synod. The Communion of the Lord's Supper as observed by Synod may properly be held in connection with the consideration of this question.

2.—On Christian Education.

It shall take account of the religious condition of our youth in Universities, Colleges and Schools, public and private; the maintenance of the Church Schools, Colleges and Seminaries in the bounds of Synod, including the regular visitation of these by the committees of Synod; the aid of colleges and academies under the care of the General Assembly. To this Committee also is entrusted the question of the best method of presenting to the young men of our Synod the question of a call to the ministry and of promoting sound theological education within our bounds.

3.—On the Youth of the Church as represented in our Sabbath Schools and Young People's Organizations.

It shall devise measures to develop in our youth a clearer knowledge of the Word of God and of the active duties of the Christian life, not only in our own Sabbath Schools, but in the needy places of the land as cared for by the Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work.

4.—On Home Missions.

In addition to our Synodical Home Missions, this Committee shall have charge of the interests of our work among the Freedmen and among the foreign populations

within our bounds, and of the duty of our Synod to the Home Mission Work of the Church at large.

5.—On Foreign Missions, which shall see to it that the interests of this cause may be properly presented to Synod by addresses from time to time.

6.—On General Church Work.

In which is included systematic beneficence, ministerial relief, church erection, temperance reform, Sabbath observance and such other practical measures as are not hereinbefore provided for.

These Committees, except that of Home Missions, which is governed by the General Rules adopted in 1902, and that of Foreign Missions, which is to consist of the Chairmen of the Presbyterial committees, shall consist of eleven members each, one from each Presbytery, to be appointed by the Synod except that the Committee on Christian Education shall have four additional members.

10. The Moderator, who opens the annual meeting with a sermon, when not a Commissioner, the Chairmen of the Permanent and Special Committees and the Stated and Permanent Clerks of the Synod shall be ex-officio members thereof, with all the rights of members except that of voting.

11. To meet the contingent and mileage expenses of the Synod, an apportionment covering the amount needed shall be levied annually on the Presbyteries according to the number of communicants in their churches at their last report, the amount to be apportioned and recommended by the Standing Committee on Finance.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurers of the Presbyteries to remit the amount thus required of them to the Treasurer of the Synod on or before the first of May of each year.

12. The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Synod shall be published in pamphlet form, under the direction of the Stated Clerk, as soon as practicable after the adjournment, and in sufficient number of copies to supply every minister and every Church Session in the Synod with one copy each, and also for distribution at the next annual meeting of the Synod.

13. The Janitor of the Church where the Synod meets shall be paid $5.00 for his services.

14. These Standing Rules may be modified or repealed, one day's notice being given, and also temporarily suspended by a two-thirds vote of the Synod at an Annual Meeting.

II. SUCCESSION OF MODERATORS.

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS, 1882-1906.

A. D.	Name.	Presbytery.	Place.
1882	*Robt. W. Patterson, D. D.	Chicago	Springfield
1883	John W. Dinsmore, D. D.	Bloomington	Alton
1884	Ambrose C. Smith, D. D.	Freeport	Bloomington
1885	Benj. C. Swan, D. D.	Cairo	Centralia
1886	Edward C. Sickells, D. D.	Rock River	Mattoon
1887	*Amos H. Dean, D. D.	Schuyler	Oak Park
1888	Samuel M. Morton, D. D.	Springfield	Galesburg
1889	*John H. Worcester, D. D.	Chicago	Rochelle
1890	*Edwin L. Hurd, D. D.	Alton	DuQuoin
1891	Isaac A. Cornelison, D. D.	Peoria	Joliet
1892	Alex B. Morey, D. D.	Springfield	Jerseyville
1893	*James A. Piper, D. D.	Mattoon	Peoria
1894	Frank F. Stoltz, D. D.	Ottawa	Jacksonville
1895	Wm. A. Hunter, D. D.	Bloomington	Peoria
1896	Joseph H. Stevenson, D. D.	Cairo	Danville
1897	*James Lewis, D. D.	Chicago	Galesburg
1898	*David Clark	Freeport	Bloomington
1899	Jos. M. Ross	Schuyler	Joliet
1900	Thos. B. Greenlee, Ph. D.	Alton	Decatur
1901	Chas. N. Wilder, D. D.	Bloomington	Jacksonville
1902	Edwin L. Lord	Ottawa	Chicago
1903	Edgar L. Williams, D. D.	Peoria	Springfield
1904	Thos. D. Logan, D. D.	Springfield	Rock Island
1905	Wm. S. Marquis, D. D.	Rock River	Champaign
1906	S. F. Wilson (Elder)	Mattoon	East St. Louis

III. SUCCESSION OF CLERKS.

Stated Clerks.		Permanent Clerks.	
1882	*David S. Johnson, D. D.	1882	Smith H Hyde, D. D.
1902	Geo. J. E. Richards.	1902	Sherman L. Divine.
		1906	C. Harmon Johnson

For full list of Moderators and Clerks from 1831 see Minutes of 1902, pages 87-90.

*Deceased.

IV. STATISTICAL REPORTS OF PRESBYTERIES.

1—ALTON.

Chairmen of Permanent Committees.

Home Missions—Rev. Elisha Safford, Edwardsville.
Foreign Missions—Rev. J. M. Duer, Hillsboro.
Education—Rev. W. H. Bradley, Upper Alton.
Pub. and S. S. Work—Rev. H. W. Marshall, Lebanon.
Church Erection—Rev. Geo. W. Fisher, Trenton.
Min. Relief—Rev. W. E. Archibald, E. St. Louis.
Freedmen—Rev. F. P. Witherspoon, Greenfield.
College Board—Rev. W. M. Gardner, Belleville.
Systematic Beneficence—Rev. L. H. Schock, Virden.
Narrative & Necrology—Rev. W. B. Minton, Greenville.
Young People's Societies—Rev. J. R. Sager, Hardin.
Evangelistic Com.—Rev. E. M. Page, Collinsville.

Ministers Received—Ashbel G. Lane from Huron Presbytery, Jan. 22, 1906; Ira Miller, Nebraska City; Jacob Ratz, St. Louis, and Edward McCullough Calvin, Helena, April 10, 1906; Wm. H. Jordan, Fort Dodge, Sept. 25, 1906.

Ministers Dismissed—J. A. Johnston to Schuyler Presbytery, Nov. 7, 1905; W. H. Parker, Kearney, Jan. 22, 1906; Clifford McBride, Fort Wayne, and M. M. Cooper, Peoria, April 10, 1906; Thomas F. Marshall, St. Louis and M. H. Kerr, Chicago, Sept. 25, 1906; E. W. Faris Holler, Saginaw, Sept. 26, 1906.

Installed—Rev. Ashbel G. Lane, Alton, Jan 22, 1906.

Pastorates Dissolved—J. A. Johnston, White Hall, Nov. 7, 1905; W. H. Parker, Carlinville, Jan. 22, 1906.

Churches Organized—Granite City, April 15, 1906, with 114 charter members; Winstanley Park, East St. Louis, May 9, 1906 with 46 charter members.

Candidates—Thomas Younger, Upper Alton; J. R. Bardelmeier, Jerseyville; W. D. Buchanan, East St. Louis; Ross L. Wilson, Raymond; C. A. Keller, Sparta.

Stated Meetings—Second Tuesday in April and Fourth Tuesday in September.

WALTER H. BRADLEY, Stated Clerk,
Upper Alton.

2—BLOOMINGTON.

Chairmen of Permanent Committees.

Home Missions—Rev. Chas. S. Davies, Fairbury.

Foreign Missions—Rev. H. H. Shawhan, Danville.
Education—Rev. Geo. R. Smith, Gilman.
Pub. and S. S. Work—Rev. G. D. Heuver, Wenona.
Church Erection—Rev. M. C. Long, Piper City.
Ministerial Relief—Rev. R. E. Anderson, Onarga.
Freedmen—Rev. E. Floyd Hoke, Chenoa.
College Aid—Rev. J. A. Liggit, Pontiac.
Systematic Beneficence—Rev. C. S. Adams, Bement.
Narrative—Rev. L. K. Grimes, Paxton.
Young People's Societies—Rev. S. W. Findley, Urbana.
Evangelistic Work—Rev. D. S. McCaslin, Hoopeston.
Am. Bible and Tract Socs.—Rev. Robt. Bradley, Danville
Temperance—Rev. Adam Schafer, Rossville.
The Presb. Brotherhood—Rev. S. C. Black, Clinton.

Ministers Received—Clyde R. McMillin, from Maumee Presbytery, Jan 8, 1906; Chas. A. Cloud, Kalamazoo, April 17, 1906; H. G. Dusenberry, Schuyler, April 21, 1906; E. B. Johnson, Mankato, April 25, 1906; J. A. Logan, Foster; T. J. Porter, Dayton; F. W. Hawley, Oklahoma, and W. J. Tull, Sept. 19, 1906; Geo. L. Hunt from Baptist Association, Sept. 19, 1906.

Ministers Dismissed—Wm. C. Snider to Mattoon Presbytery, Feb. 27, 1906; H. K. Denlinger, Shenango, Jan. 8, 1906; Edward C. Trimble, Louisville, April 11, 1906; E. D. Gallagher, Washington Cong. Association, June 11, 1906; W. A. Mast, Maumee, and Fred Schmitt, Jr., Neosho, Sept. 4, 1906; Chas. McClure, Cairo, and C. R. McMillin, Olympia, Sept. 19, 1906.

Installed—J. I. Dool, Normal, Nov. 7, 1905; Wm. Torrance, Lexington, Nov. 20, 1905; J. W. Mann, Philo, May 8, 1906; H. G. Dusenberry, Cooksville, May 15, 1906; E. B. Johnson, Waynesville, May 16, 1906; A. E. Barrows, Homer, June 20, 1906.

Pastorates Dissolved—Wm. C. Snider, Gibson City, Nov. 6, 1905; H. K. Denlinger, Bloomington 2nd, Jan. 8, 1906; Fred Schmitt, Downs and Mt. Carmel, April 10, 1906; E. D. Gallagher, Rankin, June 11, 1906; J. J. Duncan, Mansfield, June 14, 1906; Wm. A. Mast, Heyworth, Sept. 4, 1906; Robert Bradley, Danville, Bethany, Sept. 19, 1906.

Ministers Deceased—Geo. W. Bainum, D. D., May 28, 1906, aged nearly 78; Arthur M. Conard, Sept. 28, 1906, in his fiftieth year.

Church Organized—Olivet, Danville, Oct. 24, 1905, with 16 charter members.

Licentiate—C. B. Newson of Gilman Church.

Candidates—Geo. A. Hartman, Jr., Homer Church; Edward A. Reinck, Urbana; W. H. Gleiser, Monticello; Bert Riley, Rossville; Lester F. Sowen, Piper City.

Stated Meetings—Second Monday in April and Third Tuesday in September, 7:30 p. m. GEO. R. SMITH, Stated Clerk, Gilman, Illinois.

3—CAIRO.

Chairmen of Permanent Committees.

Home Missions—Rev. W. P. Hosken, Murphysboro.
Foreign Missions—Rev. T. E. Spilman, DuQuoin.
Education—Rev. L. M. Scroggs, Tamaroa.
Youth of the Church—Rev. L. J. Hawkins, Bridgeport.
Church Erection—Rev. W. P. Hosken, Murphysboro.
Ministerial Relief—Rev. L. J. Hawkins, Bridgeport.
Systematic Beneficence—Rev. R. M. Dillon, Carbondale.
Spiritual Life of Church—Rev. Daniel Breeze, Shawneetown.
Am. Bible and Tract Socs—Rev. T. M. Gossard, Golconda
Sabbath Observ. and Temp.—Rev. S. E. Taylor, Fairfield
Presbyterian Brotherhood—Rev. C. M. Miller, Centralia.

Ministers Received—Wm. Davidson from Oakes Presbytery, Oct. 19, 1905; A. S. Buchanan, Crawfordsville, Feb. 20, 1906; John B. Pomeroy, Maumee, April 10, 1906; R. H. Wightman, Ebeneezer; W. Burton Lile, Baptist Association; J. S. Upton, Cong. Association, April 11, 1906; F. E. Birkett, Mt. Vernon, and Joseph H. Piper, Decatur, Sept. 26, 1906.

Ministers Dismissed—A. M. Eells to Emporia Presbytery, Dec. 11, 1905; J. M. McNight, Arizona, and F. O. Seamans, Boulder, April 10, 1906; R. S. Stevenson, Alton, Sept. 26, 1906.

Ordained—H. D. Miller, Oct. 3, 1906.

Installed—L. J. Hawkins, Pisgah, Wabash and Bridgeport, Nov. 6, 1906; A. S. Buchanan, Cairo, Feb. 20, 1906; R. C. Townsend, Carterville and Herrin, Nov. 12, 1905.

Pastorates Dissolved—A. M. Eells, Nashville, Dec. 11, 1905; R. S. Stevenson, Carmi, and R. C. Townsend, Carterville and Herrin, Sept. 26, 1906.

Minister Deceased—Robert Reid, June 28, 1906, aged 84 years.

Churches Disbanded—Union, Sept. 26, 1906; Vergennes, March, 1906.

Candidate—F. D. Niedeemayer, Murphysboro church.

Stated Meetings—Second Tuesday in April and fourth Tuesday in Sept., 7:30 p. m.

JOHN B. POMEROY, Stated Clerk,
Lawrenceville, Illinois.

4—CHICAGO.

Chairmen of Permanent Committees.

Home Missions—Rev. E. H. Curtis, 6138 Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago.

Foreign Missions—Rev. J. H. Boyd, Evanston.

Education—Rev. David Creighton, 155 Howe st, Chicago

Pub. and S. S. Work—Rev. J. A. Gallaher, 1962 N. Kedzie Av. Chicago.

Church Erection—Rev. G. L. Robinson, 10 Chalmers Place, Chicago.

Min. Relief—Rev. R. D. Scott, Chicago.

Freedmen—Rev. C. G. Reynolds, Joliet.

College Board—Rev. Geo. Dugan, 746 Fullerton Ave., Chicago.

Y. P. Soc.—H. W. Johnston, 49 E. 22 st., Chicago.

Temperance—Rev. D. C. Milner, 1400 N Sawyer Avenue, Chicago.

Ministers Received—Chas. Stelzle from St. Louis Presbytery and J. T. Marshall, Washington City, Oct. 23, 1905; J. C. Lininger, Des Moines, Dec. 4, 1905; James Cooper, Logansport, and W. E. Donaldson, Rock Island, Feb. 5, 1906; M. C. Cole, Troy M. E. Conference, April 9, 1906; Vaclav Pazdrall, Austin, May 7, 1906; W. H. W. Boyle, St. Paul, May 14, 1906; J. B. Howard, Rock River; M. B. Wiles, Corning; Pierre Beauchamp, Winnebago; Frank H. Hays, Pembina; J. F. Horton, Petoskey; J. B. Fleming, Ft. Wayne; Edwin R. Worrell, Butler, Oct. 1, 1906; J. R. Pratt, Lone Star Cong. Asso., Oct. 8, 1906.

Ministers Dismissed—S. L. Divine to Winnebago Presbytery, Oct. 2, 1905; Henry Abraham and R. B. McCain, Ottawa, Dec. 26, 1905 and Jan. 15, 1906; E. Campbell, Ft. Dodge, Jan. 15, 1906; L. R. Giroulx, Winnebago, March 26, 1906; Carlos Martyn, Westchester; G. R. Pike, Eau Clair Cong. Asso.; A. D. King, Wooster; W. H. Mason, Dayton, April 9, 1906; Daniel Volz, Freeport; D. A. Newell, Peoria; Pieres Chamberlain, Bakia; J. H. McLean, Chile; Wm. T. Angus, Mattoon, Oct. 1, 1906.

Ordained—Edwin H. Thias, James H. Roal, James H. McLean, May 2, 1906; Thomas M. Wilson, June 18, 1906.

Installed—B. Scott Bates, Berwyn, Nov. 3, 1905; Clyde L. Lucas, Harvey, Oct. 6, 1905; J. T. Marshall, Oak Park 2d., Feb. 20, 1906; A. J. Van Page, Millard Av., March 15, 1906; W. T. Angus, Joliet 2d, April 17, 1906; W. H. W. Boyle, Lake Forest, May 29, 1906; J. B. Howard, Peotone, Oct. 4, 1906; F. H. Hays, LaGrange, Oct. 12, 1906; Pierre Beauchamp, St. Anne, Oct. 25, 1906.

Pastorates Dissolved—Wm. K. Weaver, Chicago 9th, Oct. 2, 1905; R. D. Scott, Joliet 2d, and F. J. Mundy, Jefferson Park, Oct. 23, 1905; Henry Abraham, Chicago Hts., Dec. 26, 1906; R. B. McCain, New Hope and E. Campbell, Maywood, Jan. 15, 1906; F. R. Rosebro, Deerfield, Feb. 12, 1906; Wm. T. Angus, Peotone and L. R. Giroulx, St. Anne, March 26, 1906; Edgar Beckwith, La Grange, June 4, 1906; Wm. M. Eaton, Onward, June 18, 1906; T. W. Malcolm, Ridgeway Av., August 6, 1906; Wm. T. Angus, Joliet 2nd, Oct. 1, 1906; L. F. Laverty, Kankakee, Oct. 8, 1906.

Ministers Deceased—James H. Bourns, May 4, 1906, aged 78 years; LeRoy Hooker, July 6. 1906, aged 67 years.

Licentiates—Hamilton F. Allen, 2d Chicago; Albert E. Smith, 10th Chicago; James U. Stewart, 4th Chicago; H. M. Hildebrandt, 2nd Chicago; D. C. Truesdale, Oak Park 1st; C. E. Stickel, Olivet; Arthur W. Raabe, Bethany; Herbert L. Parrott, 2d Chicago.

Candidates—Frank E. Allemong, C. S. Ogilvie, M. E. Anderson and C. R. Longbrake, 2d Chicago; D. W. Ferry, 3rd Chicago; Wm. J. Robb, Fullerton Ave.; Ward Waters, 2nd Chicago; John Barnes, 1st Evanston; Arthur M. C. Caswell, W. C. Cooper, Jefferson Park; Sytze DeBruine, 11th Chicago; Chas. F. Seped, Covenant, Garrett H. Gross, Roseland Cent.; Arthur E. Holt, Hyde Park; Chas. E. Latchen, Morgan Park; David E. Morell, Covenant; T. W. Graham, 2nd Chicago; J. J. Heeren, Fullerton Ave.; Arthur E. Lehman, Olivet Memorial.

Stated Meetings—First Monday, Feb., March, June, Aug., Oct., Nov., Dec., 2d Monday April.

JAMES FROTHINGHAM, Stated Clerk,
5000 Madison Ave., Chicago.

5—FREEPORT.

Chairmen of Permanent Committees.

Home Missions—Rev. John Henry Boose, Rockford.
Foreign Missions—Rev. Frank A. Hosmer, Freeport.
Education—Rev. Ralph M. Crissman, Galena.

Youth of the Church—C. C. Miller, M. D., Marengo.
Spiritual Life of Church—Rev. B. L. Britten, Belvidere.
General Church Work—Rev. H. L. Moore, Freeport.

Ministers Received—T. S. Scott from New Albany Presbytery, Nov. 2, 1905; Daniel E. Williamson, Monroe, Sept. 18, 1906; J. H. Rheingaus, Chippewa; Daniel Volz, Chicago.

Ministers Dismissed—B. E. S. Ely, Jr., to Portland Presbytery, April 29, 1906; F. M. McCreary, Olympia, May 23, 1906.

Ordained—John L. Tait, May 7, 1906.

Installed—John L. Tait, Harvard, May 7, 1906; T. S. Scott, Marengo, Nov. 2, 1905; D. E. Williamson, Rockford 1st, Oct. 2, 1906.

Pastorates Dissolved—B. E. S. Ely, Jr., Rockford 1st, April 29, 1906; F. M. McCreary, Oregon, July 1, 1906; John Van de Erve, Galena South, Sept. 1, 1906; Theodore Balcoff, Hanover, Oct. 1, 1906.

Minister Deceased—Mead Holmes, June 17, 1906, aged 86 years.

Licentiate—Henry W. Avery, Belvidere.

Candidates—John W. Chase and Paul E. Ratsch, Hanover; Floyd Barr, Dakota.

Stated Meetings—Third Mondays in April and September.

JOHN HENRY BOOSE, Stated Clerk,
222 S. 2d. St., Rockford, Illinois.

6—MATTOON.

Chairmen of Permanent Committees.

Home Missions and Freedmen—Rev. E. B. Landis, Neoga
Foreign Missions—Rev. Ira W. Allen, Paris.
Education and College Aid—Rev. O. H. Carmichael, Tuscola.
S. S. and Y. P.—Rev. W. W. Wilson, Oakland.
Min. Relief—Rev. E. P. Rankin, Morrisonville.
Sab. Observance and Temp.—Rev. R. B. Irwin, Moweaqua.
Evangelism—Rev. J. A. Tracy, Shelbyville.

Ministers Received—Wm. C. Snider from Bloomington Presbytery and Charles T. Phillips, Trinity, March 6, 1906; Edwin Craven, Bellefontaine, March 19, 1906; H. A. Bradford, Schuyler, April 18, 1906; Edwin M. Martin, Winnebago, and Chas. H. Ticknor, Highland, Sept. 19, 1906; Ira W. Allen, Los Angeles, Oct. 9, 1906.

Ministers Dismissed—Arthur M. Elliot to Petoskey Pres-

bytery, March 6, 1906; John A. Blair, Carlyle, March 19, 1906; Chas. Christensen, Washita, July 5, 1906.

Installations—Chas. T. Phillips Palestine, May 16, 1906; Wm. C. Snider, Kansas, March 6, 1906; Ira C. Allen, Paris, Oct. 9, 1906.

Pastorates Dissolved—J. F. Fetterolf, Assumption, and Geo. Lockhart, Taylorville, April 18, 1906; R. F. Morley, Mattoon, July 5, 1906.

Candidates—Grover C. Bowman, Tuscola; Charles Grimes, Charleston.

Stated Meetings—Third Tuesdays of April and September.

SAMUEL M. MORTON, Stated Clerk,
Effingham, Illinois.

7—OTTAWA.

Chairmen of Permanent Committees.

Home Missions—Rev. A. R. Bickenbach, Sandwich.
Foreign Missions—Rev. J. H. Stevenson, Kings.
Education—Rev. J. G. Butler, Oswego.
S. S. Work—Rev. D. K. Campbell, Ottawa.
Church Erection—Rev. Geo. Dunlap, Waterman.
Ministerial Relief—Rev. Theo. H. Allen, Mendota.
Freedmen—Rev. J. D. McCaughtry, Streator.
College Board—Rev. Edwin Harris, Oswego.
Systematic Beneficence—Rev. J. C. Haswell, Utica.
Y. P. Societies—Rev. Henry Hepburn, Aurora.
Temperance—Rev. B. R. Vonder Lippe, Earlville.

Ministers Received—Edwin Harris from Alton Presbytery, Oct. 24, 1905; Henry Abraham, Chicago, Jan. 30, 1906; Robert B. McCain, Chicago, Feb. 22, 1906; Chas. J. Wilson, Chicago (Cumberland), April 12, 1906; Geo. L. Engler, Vincennes, Sept. 12, 1906; Neill D. Johnson, Bloomnigton, Sept. 12, 1906.

Minister Dismissed—David T. Robertson to Maumee Presbytery, Nov. 28, 1905.

Installed—Edwin Harris, Oswego, Nov. 14, 1905; Henry Abraham, Morris, Feb. 22, 1906; Robert B. McCain, Ausable Grove, Feb. 27, 1906; Geo. L. Engler, Paw Paw, Sept. 25, 1906.

Pastorates Dissolved—David T. Robertson, Ausable Grove, Oct. 28, 1905; James A. Greene, Paw Paw, April 12, 1906.

Minister Demitted—Wm. P. Lawdon, Sept. 12, 1906.

Church Received—C. P. Church of Grand Ridge united with ours of same place.

Church Disbanded—Granville, Oct. 24, 1905.

Licentiate Received—Daniel W. Parks from Presbytery of Platte.

Candidates—Frank I. Wooletts and Wm. M. Holderley of the Aurora Congregation.

Stated Meetings—Second Tuesdays of April and Sept.

THEODORE H. ALLEN, Stated Clerk,
Mendota, Illinois.

8—PEORIA.

Chairmen of Permanent Committees.

Home Missions—Rev. Hugh Jack, Peoria.

Foreign Missions—Rev. Benjamin Y. George, Elmwood.

Education and Aid for Colleges—Wm. H. Pumphrey, Peoria.

S. S. Work and Y. P. S. C. E.—Rev. Arthur M. Little, Peoria.

Church Erection—Rev. Robert S. Strain, Oneida.

Ministerial Relief—Rev. Amos A. Randall, Princeville.

Systematic Beneficence—Rev. J. G. Lowrie, Ipava.

Sab. Observance and Temp.—Rev. Fred K. Dobson, Farmington.

Am. Bible and Tract Socs.—Rev. Thos. Martin, Speer.

Ministers Received—T. Davis Acheson from Mankato Presbytery, Nov. 2, 1905; Benjamin Thomas, Springfield, Nov. 2, 1905; Robert S. Strain, Logansport, April 9, 1906; Marshall M. Cooper, Alton, April 10, 1906.

Ministers Dismissed—Milton E. Todd to Iowa Presbytery, April 10, 1906; Henry C. Postlethwaite, Winnebago, June 12, 1906; W. Hamilton Spence, Redstone, July 23, 1906; Garret V. Albertson, Cimarron, Sept. 10, 1906; John B. Farrell, Carlisle, Sept. 10, 1906.

Installed—T. Davis Acheson, Lewiston, Nov. 29, 1905; Benjamin Thomas, Prospect, Nov. 9, 1905; Robert S. Strain, Oneida, May 14, 1906.

Pastorates Dissolved—Milton E. Todd, Henry, April 10, 1906; Henry C. Postlethwaite, Salem and Limestone, June 12, 1906; W. Hamilton Spence, Galesburg, July 22, 1906; John W. Keller, French Grove, Sept. 10, 1906; John B. Farrell, Peoria, Westminister, Sept. 10, 1906.

Church Organized—Isabel, Nov. 9, 1905 with 52 members.

Candidates—Herrick Lee Todd of Bethel Church, Peoria; Ethan Allen Snively, Canton; Oscar Nelson, Ipava.

Stated Meetings—Third Tuesdays of April and Sept., 7:30 p. m.

ISAAC A. CORNELISON, Stated Clerk,
Washington, Illinois.

9—ROCK RIVER.

Chairmen of Permanent Committees.

Home Missions—Rev. W. V. Jeffries, Morrison.
Foreign Missions—Rev. W. S. Marquis, Rock Island.
Education—Rev. Henry Cullen, Milan.
S. S. Work—Rev. J. L. Henning, Edgington.
Church Erection—Rev. H. B. Allen, Aledo.
Relief—Rev. R. E. Fleming, Alexis.
Freedmen—Rev. J. M. Tidball, Hamlet.
Aid for Colleges—Rev. J. T. Fulton, Alexis.
Systematic Beneficence—Rev. W. C. Crofts, Millersburg.
Narrative—Rev. N. W. Thornton, Millersburg.
Y. P. Societies—Rev. H. M. Markley, Princeton.
Evangelistic Work—Rev. S. S. Cryor, Dixon.
Am. Bible Society—Rev. J. T. Fulton, Alexis.
Temperance—Rev. Marion Humphreys, Rock Island.
Pastoral Relation—Rev. W. S. Marquis, Rock Island.

Ministers Received—Chas. E. Fisk from Cairo Presbytery, and Thomas E. Stevens from Chicago Cong. Association, Dec. 5, 1905; Theodore T. Koopman, Dubuque, April 11, 1906; Chas. G. Richards, Indianapolis, Sept. 26, 1906.

Ministers Dismissed—Wm. E. Donaldson to Chicago Presbytery and Ira W. Allen, Los Angeles, Jan. 25, 1906; Chas. S. Allemong, Indianapolis; Lewis McIntyre, Topeka, April 11, 1906; Joseph B. Howard, Chicago, June 26, 1906.

Installed—A. B. Minamyer, Woodhull, May 22, 1906; Chas. G. Sterling, Sept. 26, 1906.

Pastorates Dissolved—W. E. Donaldson, Sterling, Jan. 1, 1906; J. B. Howard, Peniel, July 1, 1906; W. V. Jeffries, Morrison, Oct. 1, 1906.

Minister Deceased—H. Vallette Warren, March 16, 1906, aged 79 years.

Church Organized—Joy, April 17, 1906 with 82 charter members.

Candidate—Wm. O. Talbot of the Central Church, Rock Island, Illinois.

Stated Meetings—Second Tuesdays in April and September.

CHARLES M. ROBB, Stated Clerk,
Seaton, Illinois.

10—SCHUYLER.

Chairmen of Permanent Committees.

Home Missions—E. M. Clingan, Quincy.

Foreign Mission—W. R. King, Monmouth.
Education—S. W. Huffer, Clayton.
Pub. and S. S. Work—J. M. Thompson, Warsaw.
Church Erection—John Steele, Hamilton.
Ministerial Relief—W. A. Hutchison, Augusta.
Freedmen—L. B. Dye, Bardolph.
College Board—A. A. Pratt, Nauvoo.
Systematic Beneficence—W. R. Stewart, Bushnell.
Narrative—W. T. Reynolds, Camp Point.
Y. P. Societies—A. T. Wittenberger, Oquawka.
Evangelistic—J. F. Young, Carthage.
Bible and Tract Societies—J. L. Hartsook, Macomb.
Temperance and Sabbath—T. R. Good, Mt. Sterling.

Ministers Received—John Steele from Chicago Presbytery and J. A. Johnston, Alton, Nov. 23, 1905; J. C. Hutchison, Waterloo; A. T. Huber, Oklahoma; J. Frank Young, Winnebago; Alva S. Covert, Winnebago; J. L. Sawyer, Iowa; John Figge, Niobrara; Thos. Gallaher, Palmyra, Presb. Church, U. S., April 17, 1906; L. W. Gade, Easter, Ind. Conference Christian church; F. Storar, Quincy Asso. Cong. church; L. C. McBride, Petoskey Presb., April 18, 1906; H. K. Gross, Fort Smith (formerly Cumberland Presb.), Sept. 18, 1906.

Ministers Dismissed—F. J. Tower to Rochester Presb. Nov. 23, 1905; H. G. Dusenberry, Bloomington, April 18, 1906; J. H. Rose, Waterloo; Wm. M. Clarke, Milwaukee, April 19, 1906.

Ordained—Wm. M. Clarke, April 18, 1906.

Installed—John Steele, Bethel, Dec. 5, 1905; J. A. Johnston, Rushville, Dec. 6, 1905; J. F. Young, Carthage, May 1, 1906; A. T. Huber, Ebeneezer, May 8, 1906; A. F. Wittenberger, Oquawka, May 10, 1906; John Figge, Salem German, May 24, 1906.

Pastorates Dissolved—F. J. Tower, Carthage, Nov. 23, 1905.

Licentiate—H. Nelson Hall, Plymouth.

Candidates—Fred A. Johnson, Bethel; Homer M. Campbell, Monmouth; H. R. Brown, Mt. Sterling.

Stated Meetings—Second Tuesday in April and Third Tuesday September.

A. F. ERNST, Stated Clerk,
Macomb, Illinois.

11—SPRINGFIELD.

Chairmen of Permanent Committees.
Home Missions—Rev. Wm. H. Penhallegon, Decatur.
Foreign Missions—Rev. Geo. C. Lenington, Virginia.

Education—Rev. Jas. E. Rogers, Springfield.
Sab. School Work—Rev. Edw. Montgomery, Maroa.
Church Erection—Rev. S. A. Glasgow, Woodson.
Ministerial Relief—Rev. Thos. D. Logan, Springfield.
Freedmen—Rev. Jas. R. Kaye, Lincoln.
College Board—Rev. Chas. M. Brown, Jacksonville.
Systematic Beneficence—Rev. D. G. Carson, Athens.
Y. P. Societies—Rev. Robert Carson, Pawnee.
Bible Society—Mr. Ensley Moore, Jacksonville.
Tract Society—Rev. E. C. Pires, Divernon.

Ministers Received—Geo. Lockhart from Mattoon Presbytery, May 15, 1906; E. M. Dill, Halifax, June 12, 1906.

Ministers Dismissed—Benj. Thomas to Peoria Presbytery and A. S. Kaye, Wooster, October 16, 1905; W. F. Irwin, Louisville, Feb. 21, 1906; F. P. DeBolt, Iowa City; May 15, 1906.

Minister Demitted—Edwin L. Stearns, Sept. 9, 1906.

Ministers Ordained—Edwin L. Stearns, July 16, 1906; Wm. N. Conoley, Sept. 19, 1906.

Installed—E. M. Steen, Farmington, Nov. 7, 1905; Edward Montgomery, Oct. 31, 1905; E. M. Steen, Pleasant Plains, May 15, 1906; Robert Carson, Macon, June 21, 1906; E. M. Dill, Mason City, June 26, 1906; E. C. Pires, Divernon, Sept. 19, 1906.

Pastorates Dissolved—A. S. Kaye, Mason City, Oct. 16, 1905; W. F. Irwin, Springfield 2d, Feb. 21, 1906; E. P. Loose Williamsville, April 11, 1906; Jas. R. Kaye, Lincoln, May 15, 1906.

Minister Deceased—Geo. E. Saunderson, June, 1906.

Church Disbanded—Naples, Sept. 19, 1906.

Church Dismissed—Lincoln to Lincoln Presbytery to unite with former Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Lincoln.

Candidates—Arthur Fellstrom of Lincoln Church, Wm. A. Freidinger, Springfield 3d; Geo. W. White, Unity; Herbert A. McKean, Jacksonville, State St.; Juett Noble McDonald, Decatur; Hardy D. Trickey, Winchester.

Stated Meetings—Second Tuesday in April and Third Tuesday in September.

GEO. C. LENINGTON, Stated Clerk,
Lock Box 138, Virginia, Illinois.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS OF THE SYNOD OF ILLINOIS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 1, 1906.

PRESBYTERY.	Ministers Received	Ministers Dismissed	Ministers Deceased	Installations	Ordinations	Pastorates Dissolved	Licentiates	Candidates	Whole number of Ministers.	Churches Disbanded and Dismissed	Churches Organized and Received	Church Edifices Built	Manses Acquired	Churches with Pastors and P. E.	Churches with Supplies	Churches Vacant	Whole number of Churches	Whole number of Members	Whole number of S. S Members	STATED CLERKS
Alton	5	7	....	1	....	2	....	5	34	....	2	....	1	23	16	12	51	5613	6426	Walter H. Bradley
Bloomington	9	8	1	6	...	7	1	5	51	....	1	1	1	31	8	16	55	8405	7353	Geo. R. Smith
Cairo	8	4	1	3	1	3	....	1	30	2	....	....	....	15	11	13	39	4005	4321	John B. Pomeroy
Chicago	16	14	2	9	4	14	8	19	162	....	....	5	....	76	11	7	94	26071	29690	James Frothingham
Freeport	4	2	1	3	1	4	1	3	34	....	....	2	....	20	6	4	30	5012	4801	John H. Boose
Mattoon	7	3	....	3	....	3	....	2	30	..	....	....	....	11	16	7	34	4597	3885	Samuel M. Morton
Ottawa	6	1	....	4	....	2	1	2	26	1	1	....	....	15	3	4	22	3404	3053	Theodore H. Allen
Peoria	4	5	....	3	....	5	....	3	35	....	1	1	....	20	4	13	37	6279	6048	I. A. Cornelison
Rock River	4	5	1	2	....	3	....	1	36	..	1	1	....	20	9	7	36	5360	5144	Charles M. Robb
Schuyler	13	4	....	6	1	1	1	3	37	....	....	....	4	14	17	10	41	6104	5343	A. F. Ernst
Springfield	2	4	1	6	2	4	....	6	27	2	....	....	....	16	11	4	31	6093	5038	Geo. C. Lenington
Total	78	57	7	46	9	48	12	50	502	5	6	10	6	261	112	97	470	80943	81102	

V. List of Churches, Number of Elders and Clerks of Sessions

PRESBYTERY OF ALTON.

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
5	Alton	S. R. McClure
4	Baldwin	W. M. Wilson
5	Belleville	S. P. Hyde
3	Bethel	W. F. Dresser Reno.
4	Blair	T. J. McBride
3	Brighton	W. H. Hart
3	Butler	Geo. W. Dryer
6	Carlinville	W. T. Brown
4	Carlyle	C. P. Norris
6	Carrollton	G. W. Davis
3	Chester	M. C. Crissey
3	Collinsville	R. S. Reed
6	E St. Louis 1,	H. J. Buerki
3	East St. Louis 2d,	W. M. Stewart
2	East St. Louis, Bond Ave.. E St. Louis, Winstanley Pk	Rev. Chas. Evans W. A. Flett
2	Ebenezer	J. W. White Rockwood.
6	Edwardsville	J. H. Glass
6	Granite City	J. R. Reintges
6	Greenfield	W. A. Saylor
12	Greenville	Curtis White
4	Hardin	W. M. Fisher
8	Hillsboro	J. O. Fisher
8	Jerseyville	G. H. VanHorne
1	Kampsville	C. P. Becker
3	Lebanon, Memorial	Marshall J. R. Flint
6	Litchfield	J. R. Paisley
3	Madison	Louis Baer
4	Moro	A. H. Smith
4	Nokomis	C. F. Best
3	Raymond Dr.	W. H. Mercer
4	Rockwood	N. W. Kelly
3	Salem Ger., Rev Jacob Ratz	Bethalto, R. F. D.
8	Sparta	James Gordon
3	Spring Cove	H. B. Warner Challacombe.
5	Staunton	J. A. Russell
3	Steelv'e	J. M. Montgomery
2	Sugar Creek	E. Bryan Trenton, R. F. D.
3	Sum't G've	D. S. H. Nevius Kampsville.
4	Trenton	Dr. A. W. Carter
3	Troy	Dr. F. M. Zanders
2	Unity	Wm. B. Gray Rockwood.
3	Up'r Alton	W. H. Bradley
5	Virden	J. M. Furry
3	Walnut Grove	Arthur Secor Carrollton, R. F. D.
3	Wal't Hill	Johnson Wilson Ava.
2	Waveland	J. A. Clotfelter Hillsboro, R. F. D.
5	White Hall	Charles Richert
3	Woodburn Ger., Jacob Ratz	Bethalto, R. F. D.
1	Yankeetown Jno.	Anderson Prairie Du Rocher.
1	Zion Ger., Rev. Jacob Ratz	Bethalto, R. F. D.

PRESBYTERY OF BLOOMINGTON.

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
3	Alvin	C. A. Peterson
6	Bement	L. H. Alvard
7	Bloomington 1,	W Maxwell
12	Bloomington 2,	W L Moore
3	Jersey	John Odell Fisher, R. F. D.
7	Lexington	W. R. Mahan
4	Mahomet,	J W Herriott, Jr.

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
3	Cayuga	Wm. Baughman
	Cerro Gordo	
8	Champaign G.	W. Harwood
5	Chatsworth	D. J. Stanford
6	Chenoa	E. P. Holdemen
3	Clarence	J. C. Smith
		Rankin.
8	Clinton	Wm. B. Rundle
3	Cooksville	J. C. Wilson
	Covel	
3	Colfax	J. J. Wiley
8	Danville 1	C. T. Yeomans
5	Dan've Beth'y,	A. McDonald
2	Danville Olivet	
		O. R. Shankland
3	Downs	G. G. Dooley
3	Elm Grove	J. E. Britton
		Clinton, R. F. D.
5	El Paso	Geo. Schuman
4	Fairbury	Chas. Keck
2	Farmer City	Morton Kent
6	Gibson City	John Pierpont
1	Gilman	Henry Harris
6	Heyworth	A. V. Hageman
8	Hoopest'n	M. A. Boardman
4	Homer	J. C. White

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
5	Mansfield, E S	Cunningham
5	Minonk	J. A. Simpson
6	Monticello	C. J. Bear
3	Mt. Carmel	I. N. Horner
		Heyworth, R. F. D.
6	Normal	A. E. Stout
7	Onarga	H. M. Wilcox
4	Paxton	D. B. Graves
6	Philo	S. S. Love
7	Piper City,	W. O. McKinney
9	Pontiac	Dr. J. A. Caldwell
4	Prairie View	J. H. Noble
4	Rankin	Jno. S. Hewins
2	Reading	L. M. Tombaugh
		Streator, R. F. D.
6	Rossville	Geo. Maury
3	Sidney	Chas. T. Helm
2	Selma	
4	Sheldon	Robt. Ross
6	Tolona	T. M. Salisbury
2	Towanda	G. W. Peterson
7	Urbana	Prof. T. A. Clark
6	Watseka	L. B. Segur
3	Waynesville	W. H. Finfrock
6	Wellington	W. V. Doan
6	Wenona	J. B. Duncan

PRESBYTERY OF CAIRO.

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
4	Anna	Dr. F. A. Sabin
6	Ava	Matthew Wright
5	Bridgeport	C. M. Piper
6	Cairo	M. Easterday
3	Campbell Hill,	J. M. Hanna
8	Carbondale	J. M. Johnson
4	Carterv'e	Hugh M. Richart
4	Carmi	C. S. Conger
8	Centralia	Henry D. Buck
5	Cobden	H. A. Dubois
3	Duquoin	L. S. Smith
4	Equality	Thos. A. Davis
3	Fairfield	John Keen, Jr.
6	Flora	S. C. Dayton
3	Friendsville	B. W. Lucas
6	Galum	
(Pinkneyville),		F. P. Anderson
1	Gilead	
	(Sumner)	Jno. McVickar

No. Elders.	Churches	Clerks.
4	Metropolis	C. P. Treat
5	Mt. Carmel	G. C. Kingsbury
4	Mt. Olivet	
	(W. Liberty)	Wm. Eberhart
3	Mt. Vernon	E. E. Willis
5	Murphysboro,	W P Hosken
3	Nashville	W. B. Anderson
2	Oak Grove	
	Oakdale	Wm. Williamson
3	Odin	
	Salem	Jno. McMurray
8	Olney	J. T. Ratcliffe
5	Pisgah	Bridgeport
		T. H. Gutheridge
5	Richland	
	Calhoun	Rufus Snively
1	Saline Mines	Jas. Rose
4	Shawneetown	Carl Roedel
4	Sumner	H. M. Wagner

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
5	Golconda	D. G. Thomson
3	Grand Tower,	J. W. Davie
3	Harrisburg W	Penn Hallock
2	Herrin	
3	Kell	M. C. Kell
4	Lawrenceville	F. W. Keller
1	McLeansboro	
3	Tamaroa	J. W. Haines
3	Union Pasturefield	G. G. Westall
3	Vengennes	Jno. Crain
5	Wabash Linn	Chas. Andrews

PRESBYTERY OF CHICAGO.

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
3	Arlington Hts	S. E. Pate
11	Austin	Wm. A. Dean
6	Avondale, Axel	B. Paulsen
12	Belden Ave, J.	W. McLean
5	Berwyn	A. J. Dunham
5	Bethany	C. R. Moorhead
2	Braidwood	A. A. Pawling
3	Brighton Park, R.	Collinge
9	Brookline	Peter Storms
4	Buckingham, H.	S. Randall
5	Buena Mem'l, A.	Stevenson
1	Cabery, Reuben C.	Breneisa
6	Calvary	J. B. Kerr
7	Campbell Park, J. C.	Crafts
6	Central Pk.	Briggs G. Fay
12	Chicago 1st, H. H.	Munger
11	" 2nd, Henry M.	Ralston
26	" 3d,	Theron T. Childs
8	" 4th	Wm. M. Smith
9	" 6th	Watson Platner
6	" 7th	Edgar O. Burton
9	" 8th	F. W. Main
5	" 9th	Harry K. Jones
6	" 10th, W.	Groundwater
4	" 11th	James Shredden
11	" 41st St.,	W. L. Moss
6	" 52 Av M. M.	Johnstone
4	" Hts F. M.	Richardson
8	Christ	H. E. Snyder
9	Covenant	Edw. A. Halsey
3	Deerfield	Wm. W. Clark
4	Douglass Park,	Robert Peel
5	Du Page, Geo. C.	Boardman
8	Edgewater	E. J. Holden
4	Elwood	Wm. F. Keith
6	Elmer Av., Alex	McDougall
4	Endeavor	John R. Watson
12	Englewood	J. Strachan
3	Homewood	Wm. Cone
14	Hyde Park	A. H. Rugg
6	Immanuel, G. S.	McConnell
1	Itasca	Edwin O. Nichols
2	Italian	Filippo Grilli
11	Jefferson Pk., T. F.	Walton
12	Joliet Central, Alfred	Nash
9	Joliet First	F. E. Marsh
4	Joliet 2nd	A. Van Fleet
4	Joliet, Willow Av.	W. H. Bryant
9	Kankakee	C. E. Holt
6	LaGrange	G. H. Bremner
9	Lake Forest	A. C. Haven
4	Lake View	C. M. Williams
3	Libertyville	A. M. Casey
2	Logan Square	Walter Cox
5	Manteno	Edw. W. Hume
6	Maywood	J. A. Blakie
5	Miliard Ave	R. H. Ewing
5	Morgan Park	R B Thomson
4	New Hope Coal City	James Ross
9	Normal Park	J. K. Brittain
9	Oak Park	L. A. Bowman
6	Oak Park 2d, Wm.	H. Watt
4	Olivet Memorial	A. L. Rowe
4	Onward	Jno. J. Burrows
6	Peotone	H. P. Yung
4	Pullman	A. A. Chalcraft
6	Ravenswood Robt.	E. Cope
6	Ridgw'y Av, E	Hendrickson
5	River Forest, W.	B. Downs
3	Riverside	C. P. Beach
4	Roseland	John Madderom
6	Roseland Cent. P	S Sutcliffe
3	Scotch Westminister	Alex Eunson

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
14	Evanston 1,	Wm. P. Turner
6	Evanston 2d,	J. W. Griffin
2	Faith ..	.W. H. Robertson
7	Fullerton Av,	Rob. Koehler
4	Gardner	Winfield S. Allison
4	Garfield Boul,	J. L. S. Hall
3	Grace ..	Stuart D. Fowler
3	Harvey ..	..Joel E. Field
4	Herscher ...	Paul Weber
6	Highland Pk.,	R. W. Patton
4	Hinsdale ..	T. R. Sweezey
2	S. Chicago	.Geo. H. Paine
4	So. Park	...E. S. Stewart
3	So. Waukegan,	H. M. Henry
7	St. Anne	....E. C. Corkins
3	Waukegan	..Jas. D. Skene
4	W. Division St.	I M Webster
4	Windsor Park	.R. Kershaw
5	Wilmington	W. A. Pawling
12	Woodlawn Park,	M M Jones
3	Zion (Wheeling)	..Emil Sigwalt

PRESBYTERY OF FREEPORT.

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
3	Apple River	.Jas. Charlton
8	Belvidere	....H. W. Avery
4	Cedarville ..	..H. Richart
3	Dakota	..H. F. Barr
1	Elizabeth,	F. M. Crissman
3	Forreston (Ger.)	... . .J. Alberts Harper
10	Freeport 1st,	J. Brockmeier
6	Freeport 2d,	G. M. Fugate
3	Freeport Ger.,	W. Dietrich
3	Galena 1st ..	..J. S. Helm
3	Galena (Germ.)	..C. Erbe
6	Galena South,	J. G. Crooks
4	Hanover ..	..W. N. Miller
5	Harvard ..	.Lee Anderson
	Lena	...W. J. Dodds
6	Linn-Hebron	W H Groesbeck
6	Marengo	..E. F. McKinney
3	Middle Creek,	W Bridgland
5	Oregon ...	..Alpha Jones
3	Prairie Dell	F. H. Kwesche Shannon, R. F. D.
5	Ridgefield	...J. Still
9	Rockford 1st	W. J. Morgan
9	Rockford Westminister	....S. W. Walace
4	Savanna	.E. Hammersmith
3	Scales M'd,	F. H. Bruechert Schapville.
5	Warren ..	..G. W. Pepoon
10	Willow Creek	...D. Picken Argyle.
6	Winnebago ..	.W. I. Wells
3	Woodstock	W. J. McDowell
3	Zion, Schapv'e	F. Bruechert

PRESBYTERY OF MATTOON.

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
4	Arcola ...	..H. U. Potter
2	Ashmore	...J. R. Guthrie
4	Assumption,	F. G. Mitchell
3	Beckwith	Prairie
4	Bethany ..	..E. G. Spence
4	Bethel (Arcola)	L. Wilkins
2	Casey ..	..Geo. F. Shimel
8	Charleston	..I. B. Mitchell
2	Chrisman	...Wiley Rogers
3	Dalton City,	J H Uppendohl
3	New Providence	.... W. A. Rowley, Vermillion
4	Newton	Rev. W. H. Prestley
5	Oakland ..	..O. L. Minter
4	Palestine	..Ira H. Bussard
9	Pana	.....E. M. Hybarger
8	Paris	....Geo. H. Crowell
3	Pleas't Prai'e	J T McDonald
4	Robinson	..D. T. Harbison
6	Shelbyville	Geo. B. Rhoads

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
6	Effingham ..	.H. S. Parker
4	Grand View	..C. C. Clapp
3	Greenup ..	..J. V. Runkle
4	Kansas	...C. A. Hite
9	Mattoon	.Frank Cox
7	Morrisonville	...H. J. Dey
4	Moweaqua	...R. B. Wilson
8	Neoga	.S. F. Wilson
6	Taylorville	.J. N. Waddell
3	Toledo	Chas. A. Willis
5	Tower Hill	A. A. Eiler
6	Tuscola ..	..J. R. Cantrall
5	Vandalia ..	..T. N. Pitkin
4	Watson ..	...Wm. Nevils
3	West Okaw	J. Baird Prairie Home.

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
5	Aurora	Thos. B. Swan
5	Au Sable ..	C. S. Carpenter Yorkville.
3	Brookfield	J. J. Marsh
3	Earlville ...	D. L. Barnard
8	Elgin	Thomas Holmes
2	Florid	..Milton Ford
12	G'd R'dge	F. H. Poundstone
3	Kings ...	..A. L. Koukle
8	Mendota	Walter Black Meridan .. Jas. McDowell
6	Morris ...	..H. R. Walker
4	Oswego ..	G. M. Croushorn
6	Ottawa ..	..J. L. Thomas Ottawa, So. ..J. T. Cooley
3	Paw Paw ...	Robert Pogue
6	Rochelle	C. J. McClymonds
6	Sandwich .	W. W. Woodbury
9	Streator ..	D. G. Campbell
2	Troy Grove	A. C. McDowell
1	Union Grove	..A. C. Moore
4	Waltham ..	D. A. Bennett Utica.
4	Waterman	John M. Smiley

PRESBYTERY OF PEORIA.

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
2	Alta ..	Rev. Benj. Thomas Dunlap.
5	Altona ...	T. F. Templeton
1	Astoria ..	.J. H. Meredith
3	Banner ..	..C. H. Northup
3	Brunswick	.M. T. Graham
6	Canton ..	..H. F. Suydam
2	Crow Meadow	.F. N. Rood
4	Delavan ...	....A. Stubbs
5	Elmira ..	.Geo. Rutheford
6	Elmwood ..	..J. D. Lyon
6	Eureka ..	.G. W. Anthony
6	Farmington	.Jno. Caldwell
2	French Grove	.W. E. Reed
7	Galesburg ...	A. A. Sigsbee
3	Green Valley	.S. S. Darling
5	Henry ..	..J. A. Williams
3	Ipava ...	C. S. S. Barrows
7	Isabel	J. O. Coleman Ipava.
9	Knoxville	..F. Z. Harmony
5	Lewiston ..	..F. L. Leisy
2	Limestown ...	Wm. Taylor
5	Oneida ..	.Martin Gehring
9	Peoria 1st	.J. E. F. Fisher
8	Peoria 2d	David McCulloch
4	Peoria, Arcadia Ave.	E. B. Hazen
3	Peoria, Beth'l,	W T Johnson
9	Peoria, Calvary	Peter Huelsebus
1	1st German	..D. H. Teesen
4	Peoria Grace	E M Voorhees
4	Peoria, Westminister	C. R. Kuhn
3	Pottstown	C. E. Miller
3	Princeville	Byron H. Wear
4	Prospect ..	Wm. A. Hervey Dunlap.
4	Salem	J. H. Parr
2	Vermont ..	C. H. Hamilton
4	Wash'gton,	I A Cornelison
8	Yates City,	J L McKeighan

PRESBYTERY OF ROCK RIVER.

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
3	Albany	H. C. Johnson
8	Aledo	J. W. Ramsey
6	Alexis	Alvah Weed
2	Arlington	C. A. Smith
3	Ashton	O. W. Griffith
1	Beulah	
3	Buffalo Pr'rie, S F Barrows	
6	Center Seaton	F. M. Roth
2	Coal Valley	W. Adams
8	Dixon	John Laing
3	Edgington	Jas. Venable
4	Fulton	C. E. Hausen
2	Franklin Grove	J. Blocker
3	Garden Plain	J. T. Nisewonger
5	Geneseo	Alex Clark
5	Hamlet, Aledo, Elisha Lee	
2	Keithsburg N. W. Thornton	
5	Kewanee	C. A. Brown
4	Ladd	J. H. Colver
3	Milan	
5	Millersburg	W. C. Crofts
8	Morrison	L. E. Tuttle
4	Munson	
4	Newton, Erie, W L Mitchel	
5	Norwood Alexis	A. M. Sharer
4	Peniel (Aledo),	J. G. Haverfield
3	Perryton, Aledo, Alva Doak	
2	Pleasant Ridge, Milan	H. Cullen Marion Humphrey
7	Princeton	Thos. C. Palmer
6	Rock Island Broadway, A H McCandless	
6	Rock Island Central	John Liedtke
3	Spring Valley (Thompson)	G. W. Dunshee
7	Sterling	G. M. Robinson
4	Viola	T. F. Sexton
6	Woodhull	A. A. Mackey

PRESBYTERY OF SCHUYLER.

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
5	Appanoose Niota	Hugh Jackson
6	Augusta	G. W. Worman
4	Bardolph	Charles Harris
3	Baylis	J. W. Reynolds
4	Bethel Hamilton	K. N. Louis
5	Brooklyn	Jonas King
5	Bushnell	Wm. J. Fultz
3	Burton Memorial, S Bricker Quincy, R. F. D. 1.	
5	Camp Creek	J. Campbell Macomb.
5	Camp Point, E E B Sawyer	
9	Carthage	W. E. Lyon
6	Clayton	A. S. McDowell
1	Chili	D. G. Todd Bowen, R. F. D. 1.
3	Doddsville	A. Harshey Industry R. F. D.
5	Elvaston	S P. McGaw
4	Fountain Gr'n, J T Spangler Carthage, R. F. D. 3.	
3	Good Hope	P. VanPelt
5	Hersman	G. W. Means
2	Huntsville	L. P. King
6	Kirkwood	L. E. Ohler
2	Liberty	C. W. Linn
2	Lee	G. T. Jennings Timewell.
9	Macomb	F. R. Warren
11	Monmouth	J. C. Irwin
4	New Salem	W. H. Laird Maysville.
4	Nauvoo 1st, W. M. Haggett	
3	Mt. Sterling	F. D. Crane
3	Olive Mt. Sterling	W. B. Rigg
4	Oquawka	J. W. Gordon
2	Perry	Wm. H. Wilson
4	Pontoosuc	David Moyes
4	Plymouth	W. F. Ogilvie
4	Prairie City, Robt. Burden	

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
3	Ebenezer	Robt. McNair Macomb R. F. D. 4.
3	Ellington	T. Will Turner Quincy, R. F. D. 3.
1	Fairmount	A. L. Mart Baylis R. F. D. 3.
8	Quincy 1st	J. M. Welch
6	Rushville	H. B. Roach
4	Salem German, Sutter	Philip Sporey
0	Warsaw	J. M. Thompson
4	Wythe Warsaw	W. H. Jackson

PRESBYTERY OF SPRINGFIELD.

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
4	Bates	Wm. Kerr
3	Buffalo H, J W	Richardson
2	Chatham	J. V. Lattner
5	Decatur	E. S. McLelland
5	Divernon	W. L. Tarbet
4	Farmington, W H	Knudson
2	Greenview	Chas. Stone
6	Jacksonville State Street.	T. M. Tomlinson
6	Jacksonville, Westminister	W. T. Brown
7	Jacksonville, Portugese	E. Vasconcellos
6	Macon	C. T. Wells Elwin, Ill.
5	Maroa	J. H. Sterling
3	Manchester	Jas. DeWolf
4	Mason City	W. I. Kincaid
2	Middlet'n, Louis A.	Buchner
2	Murrayville	J. C. Caldwell
5	North Sangamon Athens	R. A. Young
4	Pawnee	Harry Furry
5	Petersburg	Jacob Bergen
2	Pisgah Orleans	Jas. Holmes
4	Pleasant Plains, W	Hensley
3	Providence Virginia	Bethune Nisbet
10	Springfield 1st	J. P. Bryce
8	Springfield 2d	C. G. Gray
6	Springfield 3, W H	Hayden
3	Springfield, Portugese	J. F. Mendonsa
2	Sweetwater, J. W.	Terhune
4	Unity Woodson	Jas. W. Craig
3	Virginia	J. J. Bergen
3	Williamsville	P. J. Telfer
4	Winchester	Frank Mason

VI. REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S SYNODICAL SOCIETY FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Woman's Synodical Society for Foreign Missions received reports from the eleven presbyterial organizations last Spring, and from all but Ottawa and Rock River this Fall. Of these, nine gained in contributions and none have lost in membership.

The total amount contributed to the Board of the Northwest to April 20, 1906, is $35,299.66. Four presbyterial societies contributed to the Occidental Board at the time of the disaster in San Francisco—an extra, not included in the amount given to fulfill their pledges.

Evidences of increased interest are to be found in the number of societies that for the first time took no vacation, but held twelve monthly meetings; in the increased number of study classes; in the fourteen new organizations reported. More and more the membership is increased by personal effort. Special meetings, arranged for in addition to the annual presbyterial meeting, are held in various districts and are a success in three of the presbyteries, while Chicago has a presbyterial meeting each month. Last year Peoria had a week of self-denial in June; this year it was extended to include the entire month with good results both financially and spiritually.

The presbyterial meetings were as usual the best ever held; many of them had missionaries to address them to the great delight of those in attendance. The text on one presbyterial programme may be significant of all the results accomplished by these handmaidens—"Neither is it the work of a day or two."

MRS. S. O. LOUGHRIDGE.

VII. REPORT OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We always come up to Synodical Meeting with a feeling that our efforts have been weak and circumscribed, and an anxious question—"What can we report?"

Our young people's work has been very much as usual. It seems ofttimes a mere routine of duties but, if we look closely we will notice signs of steady, though slow, growth, which perhaps is better—more lasting in effect—than a sudden blossoming, and quick fading of interest. So, as we study the

year, let us thank God that, though small, "neither is it the work of a day or two" but something more lasting and substantial.

Reports have been received from all of the Presbyteries. We have upon our Roll 272 Sr., 26 Int., and 96 Jr., C. E. Societies. Of these 241 Sr., 15 Int., and 85 Jrs., reported. In Cairo reports were received from all but two (1 Sr. and 1 Jr.), a good record surely.

A membership of 7,717 active and 1,925 associate workers is recorded; 152 societies hold monthly missionary meetings; 23 quartely, while only 3 report a missionary program every other month. (This does not include Chicago and Schuyler—they failed to answer this question).

The fact that our young people are becoming more and more convinced of the value of the missionary service is one of our encouragements and a matter for much thanksgiving.

One hundred and seven missionary lectures were delivered under the auspices of the Young People and 86 libraries, containing 2,373 volumes are reported. In some cities there is a forward step, in that collections of missionary books are being installed in the Public Libraries. This surely tends to a larger scattering of that seed of information which is bound to spring up and bear much fruit.

Last year we reported 18 study classes—this year the record reads 40. A marked increase, its importance untold. Besides the classes, 127 copies of "Woman's Work," 321 of "Over Sea and Land," and 622 of "Endeavor World," are reported as taken by our Young People.

We are sorry to note a falling off in the line of systematic giving. Let us redouble our efforts that our 262 "10 Legioners" and 917 "2 cents a week givers" may have many added to their ranks before the close of another year.

247 "Comrades of the Quiet Hour," have daily sought God's blessing for us and the cause we serve, thus realizing the efficacy of prayer and labor.

71 societies report interest "good," 80 "medium," and 56 "small." Let those whose record stands low on the missionary thermometer strive to rise higher. Let us not be content with zero or 32 degrees. Freezing is only good to preserve and beyond doubt we have more "preserved" societies than we need. Thaw out, grow warm, boil, boil over. It's not a bad thing to boil over once in a while—it leaves space for added pressure. Let us, whatever we do, get out of "cold storage."

Given faithfulness in reading, study giving, praying and

interest is bound to rise.

We have gained in number of societies. 23 new C. E. and 2 new Bands have been organized, while 17 C. E.'s have been disbanded. Three more (in Schuyler Presbytery) discontinued meetings but the secretary writes "We expect them to begin again." This gives us a probable gain of 8, a "really, truly," as the children say, gain of 5 if these three fail to begin.

We support, either wholly or in part, eleven missionaries on the field: Miss Sherman in Japan, Mrs. Swallen, Mr. Bernheisel in Korea, Dr. Stead in Persia, Miss Buck in Laos, Mrs. Fleming, Miss Jenks, Mr. Hyde and Mr. McGaw in India, Mr. Garvin in Chili, and Mrs. Allison in Guatemala. Four of these are supported by individual societies.

GIFTS FOR THE YEAR.

Presbytery	Y. P.	Bands, etc.
Alton	$ 77 07	$
Bloomington	1364 00	71 85
Cairo	148 91	5 00
Chicago	1858 90	814 64
Freeport	305 71	28 28
Mattoon	149 52	
Ottawa	117 01	15 00
Peoria	184 00	226 00
Rock River	506 98	140 00
Schuyler	720 86	8 00
Springfield	318 50	135 70
Total	$5650 46	$1444 47

Grand Total—$7094.93.

During the coming year let us pray as though everything depended upon God; let us work as though everything depended upon us.

Respectfully submitted,
FANNY F. CLELAND, Secretary,
539-20 St., Rock Island, Ill.

VIII. REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S SYNODICAL SOCIETY FOR HOME MISSIONS.

FOR YEAR ENDING APRIL 1, 1906.

"The women of the Presbyterian Church responded nobly to the call for advance issued a year ago and the receipts for 1905-1906 are the largest in the history of the Woman's Board

—$505,280. Of this amount, $70,910 was designated for Freedmen's work, and $11,000 was an annuity gift and so not available for current work."

So reads our President's annual letter and our first thought is "How large a share did we of Illinois have in this good work?"

It makes our hearts glad as we note advance in almost every department of our Missionary Army.

There are signs of unusual awakening among our societies and we have gained ground, especially in the sense of a more exalted appreciation of the work in which we are engaged. As we realize more and more that individual effort is the mainspring of power, we come nearer to the prize set before us.

A comparison of reports is a good thing. If there is a falling off we feel the necessity of renewed effort—if advance, the encouragement to greater activity, so let us look over our year's work and compare it with that of the previous twelve months. First: we find that we have an enrollment of 317 societies—an increase of 10. These have a membership of 8,344 women—an army capable of doing great things when all are endued with the spirit which possessed the people under Nehemiah "a mind to work." 47 Young Woman's Societies and Bands and 91 Sunday Schools have also borne a part in extending Home Mission effort.

Gifts were as follows:

From Woman's Societies $23200	45
From Young Woman's Societies and Bands 1008	43
From Sunday Schools 1082	05
From Young People's C. E. 2168	97
From Jr. Young People's C. E. 216	05
Total $31,243	09

Sunday Schools fell behind—otherwise there is an increase in gifts from each department—a total of $3,711.55 more than the previous year.

Increased interest was caused, no doubt, by the more general use of the magazines. 1,994 copies of "Home Mission Monthly" were taken, against 1,689 of the previous year, and 986 copies of "Over Sea and Land," against 922—this showing that the best help for keeping in touch with the work, is found in the publications of the Board. Much love filled the boxes which went out from our midst. These were valued at $6,120.85 but we doubt not, were of untold value in many instances.

The special work for the synod remains the same during the coming year:—i. e. The "Building and Repair Fund," "the Emergency Fund," and the 15 per cent advance for "Evangelization and Work Among Foreigners."

FREEDMEN'S WORK.

No full report of Freedmen's work can be given, and it is with a feeling of deep sadness that we present this brief summary. She, whose feet were never weary; whose hands were always filled with loving service; whose voice was ever lifted in behalf of the colored people has gone from us and we feel as one who has lost his strong right hand. God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform, but some day we shall know why He wanted our beloved Mary Holmes to work in His garden above, when we seemingly needed her counsel and help here. When thinking of her life and its manifold duties it seems as though God's voice could be heard saying—"See what one consecrated soul hath done." May the example of her love and devotion spur us on to larger and more unselfish effort.

The women of the Synod, wishing to show their love are establishing a permanent scholarship in the Mary Holmes Seminary for colored girls, to be known as the "Mary E. Holmes Memorial Scholarship." She being dead yet speaketh.

GIFTS FOR THE YEAR.

Presbytery.	Home Missions.	Freedmen.
Alton	$ 563 95	$ 98 50
Bloomington	2725 43	691 76
Cairo	420 78	188 58
Chicago	13797 76	1715 02
Freeport	850 20	1252 88
Mattoon	791 71	536 50
Ottawa	411 76	287 30
Peoria	1604 00	280 00
Rock River	1067 43	123 22
Schuyler	1260 30	301 65
Springfield	2131 11	559 95
Total	$25624 43	$6035 36

As we go forward in this work for the Master, may we say with Neesima "Let us advance on our knees."

Respectfully Submitted,
FANNY F. CLELAND, Secretary,
539-20 st., Rock Island, Ill.

IX. SYNODICAL COMMITTEE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF HOME MISSIONS.

Alton Presbytery	Mrs. J. H. Kell	Madison
	Mrs. Wm. Barnard	Chester
	Mrs. W. E. Archibald	E. St. Louis
Bloomington Presbytery	Mrs. E. W. Alvord	Bement
	Mrs. D. S. McCaslin	Hoopeston
	Mrs. G. C. Black	Clinton
Cairo Presbytery	Mrs. T. E. Spillman	Du Quoin
	Mrs. C. H. Wiley	Anna
	Mrs. J. M. Lansden	Cairo
Chicago Presbytery	Mrs. W. C. Craig	Chicago
	Mrs. J. W. Helmer	Chicago
	Mrs. E. H. Curtis	Chicago
	Mrs. D. D. Carter	Chicago
Freeport Presbytery	Miss Anna Felt	Galena
	Miss Agnes McMichael	Caledonia
	Mrs. H. L. Moore	Freeport
Mattoon Presbytery	Mrs. J. A. Piper	Charleston
	Mrs. C. D. Jerauld	Vandalia
	Mrs. J. W. Hunter	Paris
Ottawa Presbytery	Mrs. D. K. Campbell	Ottawa
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Number of Members		8344
Number of Meetings Held		2790
Number of Young Woman's Societies and Bands		47
Number of Sunday Schools Contributing		91
Amount from Societies	$23200	45
Amount from Y. W. Societies		
Societies and Bands	1008	43
Amount from Sunday Schools	1082	05
Amount from Y. P. and Y. P. S. C. E.	2168	97
Amount from Junior Societies	216	05
Amount from Other Sources	1613	96
Total	$32857	05
Of this amount for Freedmen	$ 6035	06
Copies of "H. M. M." taken	1994	
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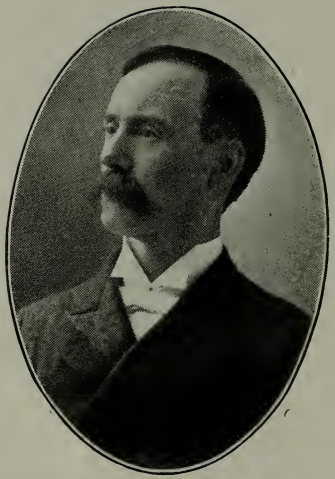

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The Synod of Illinois met, according to appointment, October 15, 1907, at 7.30 p.m., in the Presbyterian Church of Clinton, Ruling Elders S. F. Wilson and T. H. Perrin, retiring Moderators of the Synods of Illinois and Illinois (A), presiding. After devotional services, the "Enabling Act" of the General Assembly was read by the Stated Clerk, as follows:

ENABLING ACT CONSTITUTING THE PRESENT SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. has, by virtue of the Reunion and Union effected May 24, 1905, exclusive jurisdiction over all the synods and presbyteries of the reunited Church; and,

Whereas, By the Plan of Reunion and Union and the Concurrent Declarations thereunder adopted, it was left to the General Assembly to consolidate, or otherwise deal with such synods and presbyteries as should, upon consummation of the Reunion, be found to cover the same territory in whole or in part; and,

Whereas, After conference with the synods and presbyteries affected, the Committee on Church Co-operation and Union has recommended certain Enabling Acts framed pursuant to the directions of the General Assembly of 1906.

Now this Assembly, having duly considered the said Acts, in order that the intention of the reunited church in enacting the same shall be clearly set forth, doth hereby solemnly declare:

That the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., in promulgating the subjoined Enabling Acts, enjoins upon each and every Presbytery and Synod therein referred to and thereby affected, and which may hold or be entitled to any funds or property impressed with any trust, or otherwise, to transfer, each to its respective successor-judicatory, as by said Enabling Acts constituted, all such funds or property according to law.

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.

Be it and it is hereby enacted by the General Assembly:

1. That the Synod of Illinois and the Synod of Illinois (A) both under the jurisdiction of this General Assembly, are hereby united and consoli-

dated into the Synod of Illinois, which Synod shall have its boundaries coterminous with the State of Illinois and shall include all the presbyteries of said synods within said state, and all the ministers and churches under the care of said presbyteries, except such churches of the Synod of Illinois (A) as lie outside of the boundaries of the State of Illinois; and the Synod of Illinois as thus united and consolidated is hereby declared to be the legal successor of the Synod of Illinois and the Synod of Illinois (A), and as such entitled to the possession and enjoyment of all the rights and franchises and liable to the performance of all the duties of those Synods.

All properties, real and personal, all rights, all inheritances, bequests, annuities, rentals, royalties, franchises, prerogatives or emoluments of whatever character and from whatever source belonging to the synods of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, or any of them, now designated in the Minutes of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., for 1906 as synods (A), of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., of Indiana, Illinois and Iowa, and to the synods of Indiana, Illinois, and Iowa of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., jointly or severally, on the formal consummation of the union of these said Synods in each of the States of Indiana, Illinois, and Iowa as synods of the reunited and united Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., as the legal successors of such former synods, shall at once become the properties, rights, inheritances, bequests, annuities, rentals, royalties, franchises, prerogatives, and emoluments of said consolidated synods of the reunited and united church jointly and severally as they have been possessed and exercised in the past by said original synods.

All boards and corporations existing and acting under, or amenable to the authority and supervision of the said original synods, or any of them, shall continue to operate and conduct their affairs under the authority and supervision of the said consolidated synods, successors of said former synods, jointly or severally exercised as provided in their charters and the laws of their respective states, and shall be amenable to them as the original synods in the past.

All appointments to membership in said boards and corporations shall continue to be made by the said consolidated synods, successors of aforesaid, as may be provided in the charters or by the agreements with the original synods.

2. That the Synod of Illinois as thus united and consolidated shall meet on the third Tuesday of October, 1907, in the Presbyterian Church of Clinton, Illinois, and shall be opened with a sermon by the Rev. W. H. Penhallegon, D.D., or in his absence by the Rev. D. E. Bushnell, D.D., and until a moderator is elected shall be moderated jointly by the present moderators of the two synods, Ruling Elders T. H. Perrin and S. F. Wilson.

This resolution and action shall take effect on the 31st day of August, in the year of our Lord 1907, at 12 o'clock noon.

3. That the Synod of Illinois shall be composed of twelve presbyteries constituted as follows:

(1) Alton Presbytery shall consist of the ministers and churches within the counties of Calhoun, Greene, Macoupin, Montgomery, Jersey, Madison, Bond, Saint Clair, Monroe, Randolph and Clinton, except the minister and church of Centralia.

The Presbytery as thus constituted shall be the legal successor of the presbyteries of Alton and Vandalia, and as such, entitled to the possession and enjoyment of all the rights and franchises, and liable to all the duties of those presbyteries.

It shall meet on the 4th Tuesday in September, 1907, at 2:30 p. m. in the place chosen by the present Presbytery of Alton, and shall be opened with a sermon by the person chosen by the Presbytery of Vandalia, who shall preside until a moderator is elected.

2. "The Presbytery of Bloomington in connection with the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America" shall consist of all the ministers and churches within the counties of Iroquois, Vermilion, Champaign, Piatt, DeWitt, McLean, Ford (except the minister and church of Cabery), and all that portion of Livingston County lying south of the northern boundary of Congressional Township No. 26, and also the minister and church of El Paso in Woodford County. The Presbytery of Bloomington as thus constituted shall be the legal successor of the "Presbytery of Bloomington in connection with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America," and the Presbytery of Foster, and as such entitled to all the rights and franchises, and liable to all the duties of those presbyteries. It shall meet on the 3rd Tuesday of September, 1907, at 7:30 p. m., in the place chosen by the Foster Presbytery and shall be opened with a sermon by the retiring moderator of the Presbytery of Bloomington who shall preside until a moderator is elected.

(3) "The Cairo Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A." shall consist of all the ministers and churches within the counties of Jackson, Williamson, Saline, Gallatin, Hardin, Pope, Johnson, Union, Massac, Pulaski, and Alexander. Cairo Presbytery as thus constituted shall be the legal successor of "The Cairo Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A." and of the former Illinois Presbytery and "Ewing Presbytery of Cumberland Presbyterian Church," and as such entitled to the possession and enjoyment of all the rights and franchises and liable to all the duties of those presbyteries. It shall meet on the 4th Tuesday of September, 1907, at 7:30 p. m., in the Presbyterian Church chosen by the Cairo Presbytery at its meeting in April, 1907, and shall be opened with a sermon by the retiring moderator of the present Ewing Presbytery (or in his absence by the oldest minister present), who shall preside until a moderator is elected.

(4) Chicago Presbytery shall consist of all the ministers and churches within the counties of Lake, Cook, Du Page, Will and Kankakee, and in the townships of Braceville, Felix and Greenfield in Grundy County,

and also the minister and church of Cabery in Ford County. Chicago Presbytery as thus constituted shall be the legal successor of the Presbyteries of Chicago and Chicago (A), and as such entitled to the possession and enjoyment of all the rights and franchises and liable to all the duties of said presbyteries. It shall meet on the first Monday of October, 1907, at such time and place as the present Chicago Presbytery shall determine, and shall be opened with a sermon by the retiring moderator of said presbytery, who shall preside until a moderator is elected.

(5) Ewing Presbytery shall consist of the ministers and churches with the counties of Clay, Richland, Lawrence, Wabash, Edwards, Wayne, Jefferson, Washington, Perry, Franklin, Hamilton, White and Marion, including the minister and church of Centralia. Ewing Presbytery as thus constituted shall be the legal successor of the "Presbytery of Mount Vernon of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church," and as such entitled to the possession and enjoyment of all the rights and franchises and liable to all the duties of that presbytery. It shall meet on the third Tuesday of September, 1907, at 7:30 p. m., in the Presbyterian Church chosen by Mount Vernon Presbytery at its last preceding stated meeting, and shall be opened with a sermon by the minister chosen by Cairo Presbytery (or in his absence by the oldest minister present), who shall preside until a moderator is elected.

(6) Freeport Presbytery shall consist of the ministers and churches in the counties of Jo Daviess, Stephenson, Winnebago, Boone, McHenry, Carroll and such part of Ogle as lies west of the Third Principal Meridian. Freeport Presbytery as thus constituted shall be the legal successor of the Freeport Presbytery, and as such entitled to the possession and enjoyment of all the rights and franchises and liable to all the duties of said Presbytery. It shall meet on the third Tuesday of September, 1907, at the hour and place chosen by the present Freeport Presbytery, and shall be opened with a sermon by the person chosen as moderator at its last preceding stated meeting, who shall preside until a moderator is elected.

(7) Mattoon Presbytery shall consist of the ministers and churches in the counties of Shelby, Moultrie, Douglas, Edgar, Coles, Clark, Cumberland, Fayette, Effingham, Jasper, Crawford and such part of Christian as lies east of the Third Principal Meridian. Mattoon Presbytery as thus constituted shall be the legal successor of the Mattoon Presbytery and "Decatur Presbytery of Cumberland Presbyterian Church," and as such entitled to the possession and enjoyment of all the rights and franchises and liable to all the duties of those presbyteries. It shall meet on the third Tuesday of September, 1907, at 7:30 p. m., in the place chosen by the present Mattoon Presbytery, and shall be opened with a sermon by the person chosen by the Decatur Presbytery, who shall preside until a moderator is elected.

(8) "The Presbytery of Ottawa" shall consist of the ministers and churches in the counties of DeKalb, Kane, Kendall, Grundy, La Salle, Putnam, Livingston, and such portions of Ogle, Lee, Marshall, and Wood-

ford as lie east of the Third Principal Meridian, except that portion of Livingston County lying south of the northern boundary of Congressional Township No. 26 and the minister and church of El Paso in Woodford County, which shall remain in Bloomington Presbytery, and the Townships of Braceville, Felix and Greenfield in Grundy County, which shall remain in Chicago Presbytery. The Presbytery of Ottawa as thus constituted shall be the legal successor of "The Presbytery of Ottawa," and as such entitled to the possession and enjoyment of all the rights and franchises and liable to all the duties of said Presbytery. It shall meet on the second Tuesday of September, 1907, at 7:30 p. m., in the place chosen by the present Ottawa Presbytery, and shall be opened with a sermon by the person chosen as moderator by said presbytery at its last preceding stated meeting, who shall preside until a moderator is elected.

(9) "The Presbytery of Peoria of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America" shall consist of the ministers and churches in the counties of Knox, Stark, Fulton, Peoria, Tazewell and such portions of Marshall, Woodford and McLean as lie west of the Third Principal Meridian, and such portions of Mason and Logan as lie north of the line between Townships 20 and 21, North. The Presbytery of Peoria as thus constituted shall be the legal successor of "The Presbytery of Peoria of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America," and as such entitled to the possession and enjoyment of all the rights and franchises, and liable to all the duties of said Presbytery. It shall meet on the third Tuesday of September, 1907, at 7:30 p. m., at the place chosen by the present Peoria Presbytery, and shall be opened with a sermon by the person chosen as moderator at its last preceding stated meeting, who shall preside until a moderator is elected.

(10) Rock River Presbytery shall consist of the ministers and churches in the counties of Whiteside, Rock Island, Mercer, Henry, Bureau and such portion of Lee as lies west of the Third Principal Meridian, and the minister and church of Alexis in Warren County. Rock River Presbytery as thus constituted shall be the legal successor of Rock River Presbytery, and as such entitled to all the rights and franchises and liable to all the duties of said Presbytery. It shall meet on the second Tuesday of September, 1907, at such hour and place as may be chosen by the present Rock River Presbytery, and shall be opened with a sermon by the person chosen as moderator at its last preceding stated meeting, who shall preside until a moderator is elected.

(11) Rushville Presbytery shall consist of the ministers and churches in the counties of Henderson, Hancock, Adams, Pike, Brown, Schuyler, McDonough, and Warren, except the minister and church of Alexis. Rushville Presbytery as thus constituted shall be the legal successor of Rushville Presbytery and "Schuyler Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., and as such entitled to the possession and enjoyment of all the rights and franchises and liable to all the duties of said prebyteries. It shall meet on the third Tuesday of September, 1907, at

such hour and place as may be chosen by the present Rushville Presbytery, and shall be opened with a sermon by the retiring moderator of Schuyler Presbytery, who shall preside until a moderator is elected.

(12) Springfield Presbytery shall consist of the ministers and churches in the counties of Cass, Menard, Macon, Sangamon, Morgan, Scott, and such portion of Christian as lies west of the Third Principal Meriadian, and such portions of Logan and Mason as lie south of the line between Townships 20 and 21, north. Springfield Presbytery as thus constituted shall be the legal successor of Lincoln and Springfield Presbyteries and "Sangamon Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church," and as such entitled to the possession and enjoyment of all the rights and franchises, and liable to all the duties of those presbyteries. It shall meet on the third Tuesday of September, 1907, at 7:30 p. m., in the place chosen by the present Springfield Presbytery, and shall be opened with a sermon by the person chosen by Lincoln Presbytery. Sangamon Presbytery shall appoint the moderator, who shall preside until a moderator is elected.

The above arrangement is subject to the following exception—viz.: The funds on hand August 31, 1907, in the treasuries of Cairo, Ewing, Illinois and Mount Vernon presbyteries, and of their Home Mission Committees, shall be divided equally between the two new presbyteries, Cairo and Ewing, for the purposes for which they were contributed.

4. The Committees of the Synods of Illinois and of Illinois (A) shall remain as at present constituted till Synod meets and makes separate reports at the next meeting of Synod, and the stated clerks and treasurers are also continued until their successors are elected.

5. This act shall take effect on the 31st day of August, in the year of our Lord 1907, at 12 o'clock noon.

Be it further enacted by the General Assembly:

That, to provide for any inadvertent omission, any church or minister, not duly assigned (by the Enabling Act affecting the judicatory within whose bounds such church is located or such minister resides) is hereby assigned or transferred to the Presbytery within whose bounds such church may be located or such minister may be connected when such act goes into effect.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., in the promulgation of the several foregoing Enabling Acts, solemnly declares its intention and purpose that every Presbytery or Synod, erected or constituted by virtue of any of said Acts, shall in all respects have, hold, exercise and administer, as successor, every right, title, trust or obligation possessed by or charged upon the former presbyteries or synods, of which it is above enacted and declared to be the successor.

The opening sermon was delivered by Rev. W. H. Penhallegon, Vice Moderator of the Synod of Illinois, from the texts, Exodus 10: 11, and Mark 1: 17, on the theme, "An Appeal to Men."

Synod proceeded to organization, with Elder S. F. Wilson in

the chair, and was constituted with prayer by Rev. D. E. Bushnell, of Alton Presbytery.

The roll was called, and is as follows:

ROLL OF SYNOD.

Alton Presbytery.

Ministers—W. E. Archibald, D. E. Bushnell, W. P. Baker, C. A. King, A. G. Lane, J. M. Duer, E. McC. Calvin, J. J. Wilson, W. M. Gardner.

Elders—T. H. Perrin, J. M. Baker, J. K. McDavid, W. T. Brown, A. E. Wilson, H. C. Hawkins, Thomas Allen, S. G. Brown. —17

Bloomington Presbytery.

Ministers—H. G. Gleiser, E. W. Clippinger, M. C. Long, S. W. Findley, A. F. Zeigle, G. R. Smith, G. A. Wilson, S. C. Black, E. F. Hoke.

Elders—Herbert Powell, J. C. Wilson, Jr., E. S. Cunningham, C. T. Yeomans, T. C. McCaughey, W. T. Pankey, Frank Hetishee, Frank Wilcox. —17

Cairo Presbytery.

Ministers—T. M. Gossard, Chas. McClure, M. E. Morse, R. M. Rumsey.

Elders—T. A. Davis. —5

Chicago Presbytery.

Ministers—W. S. P. Bryan, G. N. Luccock, A. H. Stephens, E. W. Symonds, M. B. Thomas, G. B. Safford, A. C. Manson, M. B. Wiles, C. H. Johnson A. G. Bergen, J. B. Fleming, W. C. Covert, Samuel Dickey, C. N. Wilder, F. H. Hays, F. A. Hosmer, J. B. Howard, J. C. Lininger, M. B. McNutt, A. McCalla, R. K. Ryan, E. Beckwith, C. L. Lucas, J. W. Nicely, W. W. Johnstone, W. E. Donaldson.

Elders—James Crighton, D. C. Williams, E. O. Burton, W. G. McEldowney, C. L. Boyd, A. L. Gould, C. R. Gerber, Alfred Nash, Andrew Stevenson, R. W. Patton, E. J. Viall, O. R. Williamson, Geo. Hanna, J. R. Houliston, F. C. Corkins, W. A. Pawling, E. J. Holden Jas. Shedden, I Moe. —45

Ewing Presbytery.

Ministers—H. C. Bird, H. D. Miller, L. D. Lasswell, A. G. Parker, C. H. Miller.

Eders—S. C. Dayton, Harry Anderson, C. H. Martin, M. Heid. —9

Freeport Presbytery.

Ministers—S. M. Crissman, D. E. Williamson, J. H. Rheingans, F. Y. Nichols, H. Schmidt, Jr., C. O. Shirey.

Elders—Geo. Northam, Alpha Jones, J. S. Reid, Minor Lockwood, J. H. Temple, J. Alberts. —12

Mattoon Presbytery.

Ministers—E. B. Landis, W. T. Angus, S. P. Taylor, R. B. Irwin, W W. Wilson, E. C. Lucas, W. W. M. Barber, G. H. Turner, W. H. Wilson.

Elders—Thomas Donnell, S. F. Wilson, Albert Speer, T. C. Gammell, Thomas Crowder, C. A. Hite, Charles Fonnell, F. S. Fulton. —17

Ottawa Presbytery.

Ministers—D. K. Campbell, George Dunlap, G. A. Pollock, Edwin Harris.

Elders—R. E. Phillips, W. S. Lyon, Robert Pogue, Milton White. —8

Peoria Presbytery.

Ministers—A. R. Mathes, Benjamin Thomas, A. O. Elliott, W. I. Alexander, I. A. Cornelison, A. M. Little, W. J. Manifold, J. G. Lowrie.

Elders—J. E. Armstrong, C. H. Northrup, W. M. Moffett, B. H. Wear, H. M. Shipton, Lewis Rauch, H. E. Robinson. —15

Rock River Presbytery.

Ministers—T. R. Johnson, C. F. Moore, C. S. West, C. E. Fisk, R. E. Fleming, H. B. Allen, E. L. Lord. —9

Elders—W. L. Candor, J. S. Hawk.

Rushville Presbytery.

Ministers—J. W. Pugh, E. B. Miner, E. V. Headen, J. A. Johnston, J. F. Young, W. R. King, R. B. Fisher.

Elders—Robert McMillan, W. B. Riggs, W. H. Putnam, W. Glendening, F. C. Moore, J. W. McGaw. —13

Springfield Presbytery.

Ministers—W. H. Penhallegon, J. L. Wyatt, E. P. Rankin, G. W. Williams, E. M. Dill, J. W. McDonald, S. A. Glasgow, C. E. Hayes, W. N. Conoley, J. M. Johnston, W. F. Gibson, J. W. Elder.

Elders—David Zeigler, J. A. Petrie, S. E. McClelland, A. R. Taylor, G. B. Hemenway, R. E. Bone. —18

Ministers present, 106. Elders present, 79. Total number of delegates, 185.

The following were invited to sit as corresponding members: Rev. Vaclav Losa, of the Synod of Pennsylvania; Rev. H. T. McClelland, D.D., of the Synod of Pennsylvania; Rev. John Dixon, of the Synod of New Jersey; Rev. Peter J. Marsilje, of the Synod of Indian Territory; Rev. C. T. Schaeffer, of the Synod of Pennsylvania; Rev. Wm. J. Darby, D.D., of the Synod of Indiana.

Rev. A. G. Bergen, of the Presbytery of Chicago, was elected Moderator.

Revs. C. F. Moore, of the Presbytery of Rock River, and G. R. Smith, of the Presbytery of Bloomington, were chosen Temporary Clerks.

The Stated Clerk offered the following program for the business of Synod, which was adopted:

PROGRAM

TUESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 15, 1907.

Moderators Ruling Elders S. F. Wilson and T. H. Perrin presiding.

7:30 Devotional services.
Reading of the General Assembly's Enabling Act.
Sermon by the Vice Moderator, Rev. W. H. Penhallegon, D.D.
Synod constituted with prayer.
Roll Call.
Election of Moderator and temporary clerks.
Adoption of program.
Report of Committee on Arrangements.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 16, 1907.

8:30 Devotional services.
9:00 Completion of the roll.
Introduction of corresponding members.
Announcement of standing committees.
Records of Presbyteries and papers distributed.
Reports of stated clerks and treasurers of former Synods.
Report on Expenses of Committees.
Report of Committee on Incorporation.....
Mr. Henry S. Osborne, Chairman.
10:00 Home Missions and Church Extension.
Reports from Chairmen, Revs. T. D. Logan and G. W. Williams.
Reports of Treasurers C. T. Yeomans and T. H. Perrin.
Addresses by Superintendents Revs. E. L. Williams and C. E. Hayes.
Discussion by Synod.
11:30 Report of Joint Committee on Union and Adjustment.....
Rev. W. H. Penhallegon, Chairman.
12:00 Recess.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 16, 1907.

2:00 Devotional services.
2:10 Report on Bills and Overtures.
2:15 Report of Judicial Committee.
2:20 Report on Spiritual Life of the Church.....
Rev. W. C. Covert, Chairman.
Address....Representative General Assembly's Committee on Evangelistic Work.
2:50 Address by Rev. John Dixon, Assistant Secretary Board of Home Missions.
3:10 Anniversary exercises.
Historical address, Synod of Illinois.....Rev. Chas. N. Wilder.
Historical address, Synod of Illinois (A).....Rev. A. G. Bergen.
4:30 The Communion of the Lord's Supper.
Recess.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 16, 1907.

7:30 Service of Praise.
Address.....Mrs. Flora D. Palmer, Field Secretary Woman's Home Mission Board.
Address .....Rev. J. W. McDonald.
Address .....Rev. John Dixon, D.D., Assistant Secretary Board of Home Missions.

THURSDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 17, 1907.

8:30 Prayer and Conference.
9:00 Minutes read.
Reports of Standing Committees.
On Finances.
Minutes of the General Assembly.
Records of Presbyteries.
Election of Stated and Permanent clerks.
Next Place of Meeting.
Miscellaneous Business.
9:45 Address by Ernest A. Scrogin, Attorney Anti-Saloon League.
10:00 Christian Education.
The College Commission of the Synod of Illinois (A).....
President A. R. Taylor, Chairman.
The Board of Visitors of the Synod of Illinois (A).....
Rev. Daniel E. Bushnell, Chairman.
Committee on Conference of Educational Interests .....
Rev. C. M. Brown, Chairman.
Annual report of the Committee on Christian Education....
Rev. W. S. P. Bryan, Chairman.
The Colleges and Academies of Synod.
The Religious Condition in the State University.
The College Board, represented by President C. H. Rammelkamp, of Illinois College.
Discussion.
12:00 Recess.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 17, 1907.

2:00 Prayer and Praise.
2:10 Foreign Missions.
Report Rev. W. S. Marquis, chairman Synod of Illinois.
Report Rev. A. H. Stephens, chairman Synod of Illinois (A).
Discussion.
3:00 Youth of the Church.
Report of Chairman Rev. A. M. Little.
Address by W. L. Gelston, Superintendent of Young People's Work.
3:45 General Church Work.
Report Rev. W. E. Archibald, Chairman.

Address.....Rev. J. R. Sutherland, Corresponding Secretary Ministerial Sustentation Fund
Address.....Rev. E. R. Worrell, Representative General Assembly Committee on Temperance.
Old Salem Chautauqua.....Rev. J. M. Johnston, Superintendent.
4:30 Miscellaneous business.
4:50 Report of Committee on Attendance and Absence.
Reading and Approval of Minutes.
5:00 Recess.

THURSDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 17, 1907.

7:30 Praise Service.
Address.....Representative of Board of Foreign Missions.
Address.....Rev. W. J. Darby, D. D., Assistant Secretary of the Board of Education.
Resolutions.
Reading and Approval of Minutes.
Adjournment.

Rev. S. C. Black reported for the Committee on Arrangements, welcoming Synod and announcing Rev. C. N. Wilder as leader of the devotional service to-morrow morning.

Synod adjourned, with prayer, to meet at 8.30 a.m. to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 8.30 O'CLOCK.

Synod met at 8.30 o'clock and was called to order by the Moderator.

After a half-hour of devotional exercises, led by Rev. C. N. Wilder, Synod proceeded to the business of the day.

The roll was called.

The Moderator appointed the following Committee on Corresponding Members: Revs. G. B. Stafford and E. B. Landis.

Revs. V. E. Losa, H. T. McClelland, of the Synod of Pennsylvania; John Dixon, of the Synod of New Jersey, and P. J. Marsilje, of the Synod of Indian Territory, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The Moderator appointed as Vice Moderator Rev. W. E. Archibald, of the Presbytery of Alton.

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Bills and Overtures—W. H. Penhallegon, T. H. Perrin, G. B. Safford, S. M. Crissman, A. R. Mathes, W. T. Pankey, A. G. Parker.

Judicial Business—D. E. Bushnell, S. F. Wilson, T. M. Gossard, E. B. Landis, J. A. Johnston, Jas. Crighton, G. A. Pollock.

Minutes of General Assembly—A. H. Stephens, C. F. Moore, J. M. Johnston, D. K. Campbell, L. D. Lasswell.

Finance and Treasurers' Accounts—J. K. McDavid, G. T. Yeomans, W. L. Candor.

Attendance and Absence—S. C. Black, A. L. Gould, R. B. Irwin, R. Pogue.

Permanent Committees—E. L. Lord, C. N. Wilder, D. C. Williams, C. E. Hayes, W. E. McDonald.

COMMITTEES ON PRESBYTERIAL RECORDS.

Alton—J. W. Elder, S. A. Glasgow, R. E. Bone.
Bloomington—A. G. Lane, C. A. King, H. C. Hawkins.
Cairo—H. G. Gleiser, A. F. Zeigle, Frank Wilcox.
Chicago—T. M. Gossard, R. M. Rumsey, T. A. Davis.
Ewing—J. B. Howard, E. W. Symonds, C. L. Boyd.
Freeport—H. C. Bird, C. H. Miller, H. Anderson
Mattoon—S. M. Crissman, F. Y. Nichols, Geo. Northam.
Ottawa—G. H. Turner, W. W. Wilson, Thos. Crowder.
Peoria—D. K. Campbell, Edwin Harris, R. E. Phillips.
Rock River—A. O. Elliott, W. I. Manifold, W. M. Moffett.
Rushville—T. R. Johnson, C. S. West, J. S. Hawk.
Springfield—R. B. Fisher, J. W. Pugh, W. H. Putnam.
General Committee on Records—Geo. N. Luccock, G. A. Wilson, Andrew Stevenson.

On motion, the Moderator appointed the following Special Committee on Presbyterian Brotherhood: Andrew Stevenson, C. E. Fisk, and Geo. H. Turner.

The Stated Clerk presented papers in his hands, which were referred to the appropriate committees.

Rev. G. J. E. Richards presented his report as Treasurer of the Synod of Illinois, and it was referred to the Finance Committee.

The report of Stated Clerk Rev. G. J. E. Richards was read and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF STATED CLERK OF THE SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.

The Stated Clerk of the Synod of Illinois respectfully reports:

1 That he has received the reports from the Presbyteries, and recommends that they be placed in the Appendix of the Minutes.

2 He recommends that the usual reports from the Women's Missionary societies be printed in the Appendix.

3 He recommends that a committee of five be appointed by the Moderator to nominate for the ensuing year, the Permanent Committees on The Spiritual Life of the Church, The Youth of the Church, and on General Church Work, attention being given, as far as possible, to the expressed will of the presbyteries in regard to their representatives on said committees.

4 That, as the Committee of Christian Education is working under a three-years' assignment, of which only two years have passed,

the Nominating Committee be instructed to report what changes, if any, are desirable in the present plan and organization of the Committee.

Mr. H. S. Osborne presented the report of the Committee on Incorporation of Synod. The report was received and its consideration made the order of the day for to-morrow at 9.30 a.m.

Rev. W. S. P. Bryan gave notice that on the following day motion would be made that Synod amend the Standing Rules of Synod and adopt the Standing Rules as so amended, as the Standing Rules and By-Laws of Synod and of the Corporation when completely organized.

On motion, the hour of recess was extended to 12.15 and the cause of Ministerial Sustentation made the order for 12 o'clock.

The report of the Committee on Home Missions was presented by Rev. Thomas D. Logan and was, on motion, received. Pending action, the following made reports and addresses relevant to the subject: T. H. Perrin, Chairman of the Church Extension Association of the Synod of Illinois (A); Rev. E. L. Williams, Superintendent of Home Missions of Illinois Synod; Rev. C. E. Hayes, Superintendent of Missions, of Synod of Illinois (A); Chas. T. Yeomans, Treasurer of the Home Missions Committee of the Synod of Illinois; T. H. Perrin, Treasurer of the Church Extension Association of Synod of Illinois (A). All of these reports were received.

The annual report of the Committee on Home Missions, together with the reports of the Superintendent and the Treasurer, appears in full in the Appendix. Rev. T. D. Logan, in presenting his report, stated that, in accordance with the action of the Joint Committee on Union and Reunion of the Synods of Illinois and Illinois (A), viz., "That the two State Superintendents of Home Missions be continued on the same basis, and with the same salaries," the Committee on Home Missions of the Synod of Illinois, at its meeting in April, 1907, had decided that it was impracticable to appoint two Superintendents on the same basis without a territorial division of the Synod, which was deemed undesirable. They had accordingly decided to abolish the office of Superintendent at the expiration of the term of the incumbent, September 1, 1907, and to employ two Synodical Missionaries. These positions they offered to the Rev. E. L. Williams, D.D., and the Rev. C. E. Hayes. This arrangement was not satisfactory to either of the persons interested, and neither signified his acceptance. The policy had, moreover, been criticised as tending to destroy the unity of the Synod in its Home Missionary work, a unity it was specially important to conserve, in view of the reunion which had just been effected. One of the Presbyteries had adopted an overture to the Synod on the subject, and while

this overture had not been laid before the committee, the members of the committee gave careful consideration to its purport. Recognizing the importance of unifying the work as far as possible throughout the entire Synod, the committee, at its meeting, October 15, 1907, had reconsidered its action taken in April, and had decided to establish the positions of Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of Home Missions. They had offered the first position to the Rev. W. V. Jeffries, and the second to the Rev. C. E. Hayes.

The following resolutions were adopted:

1. The importance of the work of Home Missions within our state and throughout the entire country is such as to demand the most liberal support. That this may be provided, every Church, Sabbath school and Young People's Society is urged to make a contribution to this cause, sending the money to the treasurers of the committees on Home Missions in their respective presbyteries.

2. We commend the efforts of the women of the Synod in raising funds for Home Missions and the Freedmen, and invite them to continue the good work of supplying boxes of clothing for ministers' families in our own state.

3. In view of the providential opening for missions amongst the foreign-speaking elements of our state, the Synodical Committee is encouraged to undertake this important work, and the members of our churches are appealed to for enlarged contributions in order that it may be prosecuted vigorously.

4. In view of the large Lithuanian population in Illinois, and the difficulty of procuring Christian literature in that language, the American Bible Society is urged to prepare at once an edition of the Scriptures in the Lithuanian language in modern type; and our Board of Publication and Sabbath Schools is requested to add Lithuanian literature to that which is now printed in foreign languages.

The following proposed resolutions were referred to the Special Committee on the Incorporation of the Synod:

1. The Synodical Committee on Home Missions is authorized to procure a charter of incorporation under the name of "the Board of Illinois Presbyterian Home Missions."

2. The Illinois Church Extension Association of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church is directed to hold any properties entrusted to it under its charter until, in the opinion of competent legal advisers, no vested interests would be imperiled by its dissolution, and then to transfer its properties to the Church Extension Committee of the Presbytery of Chicago, if within that territory, or to the Board of Illinois Presbyterian Home Missions, if situated within the boundaries of the other presbyteries.

The discussion of the following amendments to the General Rules for Home Mission Work, adopted October 23, 1902, were made the order of the day for Wednesday at 4.30 p.m.

1. Article I, Section 7, is amended so as to read: "The annual report shall be compiled from the annual reports of the Committees on Home Missions to their respective presbyteries for the year ending in September. Duplicate copies of this report shall be forwarded to the General Assembly, and to the Board of Home Missions in New York."

2. Article IV, Section 1, is amended by inserting at the end of the first sentence the words: "But he shall, nevertheless, be a member of the committee ex-officio."

3. Chapter II, Article I, Section 6, is amended by substituting October for April.

4. Chapter II, Article II, Section 6, is amended so as to read: "All churches shall make an offering each year to Home Missions, and they are expected not to fall below a minimum of 30 cents per member annually."

A resolution relative to the expenses of Standing Committees was offered by the Stated Clerk, and made the order of the day for 12 m. to-morrow.

Rev. A. G. Bergen made his report as Stated Clerk of the Synod of Illinois (A). The report was received. His report as Treasurer of the Synod of Illinois (A) was referred to the Finance Committee.

Rev. W. H. Penhallegon reported for the Committee on Union and Adjustment. The report was received, and its consideration postponed until more time could be given.

The cause of Ministerial Sustentation was presented by Rev. W. C. Covert, in the absence of Rev. J. R. Sutherland, Secretary of the Fund, and Elders James Crighton, T. H. Perrin and Andrew Stephenson spoke briefly on the subject. The following resolution was then adopted:

Resolved, That the Synod of Illinois commends the Ministerial Sustentation Fund to the pastors, elders and churches of the Synod.

Announcements were made, a prayer was offered by the Moderator, and Synod took recess till 2 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 2 O'CLOCK.

Synod convened at 2 o'clock, and was led in a brief devotional service by the Moderator.

The Judicial Committee reported that no business had as yet come before it.

Rev. W. C. Covert presented the report of the Committee on the Spiritual Life of the Church. The report was approved, as follows:

REPORT ON THE SPIRITUAL LIFE OF THE SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.

Statistics.—We know the insignificance of statistics when arrayed in columns of church reports. They conceal, minimize, exaggerate and misrepresent. Spiritual life and soul growth are not capable of being expressed in mathematical terms. The whole progress of the church does not reveal itself in the columns of the Minutes of the General Assembly.

But we have no other concrete means of indicating the condition and development of our work. Therefore, we submit some figures, attempting thereby to convey the spiritual status and actual service rendered by our church within the bounds of the Synod of Illinois during the past year.

There are 526 ministers in the Synod at this time, which does not include our Cumberland brethren now uniting with us. Deduct the number of the honorably retired, professors, editors, secretaries, and agents, and we have probably not to exceed 425 active pastors, giving their whole time to spiritual work.

Pastors.—There were fifty-three of these pastors installed last year, leaving but 372 engaged in work for the whole year. Of the forty-five dissolutions perhaps half are not covered by the installation above mentioned, so that the active number of Presbyterian pastors in the Synod at work all last year was about 350—a small force, when we know the ripeness and the width of the great field. We have 469 church organizations, and taking the number of our pastors at the maximum figures, we have a discrepancy between men and churches which means empty pulpits and unoccupied fields.

Vacancies.—There is a shocking array of "V's" following the names of the churches on our roll. There are ninety-eight in our Synod and sixty-seven more "V's" to be added from Synod (A), making a total vacancy list—dark beacons on the shores—of 165 churches. Where lies the trouble? What does this mean? Is it a sign of diminished loyalty, or a waning faith, or a timid ministry, or a selfish, non-giving church that explains this long list of leaderless churches? Offer the most plausible excuses possible, the fact remains that the cause of Christ is suffering, the spiritual life of our Synod weakened, her aggressive evangelism halting, while there stands on her roll of 469 churches, 165 organizations temporarily unshepherded. Is this a challenge of the efficiency of our Presbyterian form of government? Are Presbyterians exercising their full privilege in holding men and churches together as long as possible, using their authority and influence to render as brief as possible the disintegrating interim between dissolutions and installations?

Moderators and committees of Presbytery should be startled by the showing of our Minutes and devise and carry into effect a more careful

supervision of the fields, making more thorough inquiry as to the causes of dissolution of pastoral relations, and urging with all due wisdom and authority a speedy settlement of pastors over churches falling vacant.

Additions.—There were added last year to the churches within our bounds 5,701 new members on confession of their faith. This does not include the accessions in our Cumberland churches. We have enrolled as the working forces of our church 83,821 members. This means that it took fifteen old church members to get one new one. The evangelistic output is, to say the least, not in proportion to the numerical quantity of the forces. And if we say it *must* be in proportion to the spiritual quality, which can hardly be denied, we have another conclusion from our figures calculated to make us think. The following table shows the ratio of conversions and accessions by confession to the active membership.

Presbytery.	Churches.	Membership.	Additions.	Ratio of Membership to Additions.
Alton	52	5,795	385	15 2-3
Bloomington	55	8,504	525	16 1-3
Cairo	39	4,180	277	15 1-2
Chicago	93	28,000	2,270	12 1-3
Freeport	29	5,129	302	17
Mattoon	34	4,812	277	17 1-2
Ottawa	22	3,529	195	18
Peoria	37	6,167	279	22
Rockford	36	5,600	529	10 2-3
Schuyler	41	6,120	259	23
Springfield	31	5,932	430	13

Is this satisfactory as a showing in the matter of personal evangelism in the churches? Have we a right to expect any more? When we know how Christ's church began—viz., by Andrew finding Simon and Philip finding Nathanael; when we know how Christ's church has always gone forward, not so much by great pentecostal movements, as by the quiet influence of one man on another; when we know what personal contact for Christ's sake and in Christ's cause is doing for Korea to-day, are we not justified in concluding that the 83,000 members of our Synod, who, if our figures are true, led but 5,700 to Christ last year, are not only losing Christ's blessing, but are neglecting Christ's method of propagating the church? If but one church member out of fifteen brought some Simon or Nathanael and introduced him to Christ, can we expect any large spiritual prosperity to wait on our work? The figures shame our zeal for personal evangelism. The church members are not evangelists; they do not persuade others. Hence, the church of our Synod and the world halts, and sin and indifference to spiritual things abide. Christ goes forth bearing his cross along, while 14-15 of his followers go free. The pastors and sessions must appeal to the people to go out and tell "the old, old story of Jesus and his love."

Suspended Members.—We have, including the figures of Synod (A), about 3,500 church members on the suspended list. The suspended list is a roster of the names of church members, who, having joined the local church, lost connection with it and care so little about the broken connection that they have not notified pastors and sessions of their location or church attitude. They have moved, but left their church life behind. New environments have killed the old enthusiasm. These once interested and fruitful followers are hiding their light and losing their faith for want of vital contact with the living church. Sessions have no right to drop at once the names of these having a name to live, but being dead; so we have the spectacle of a live church dragging dead members along on their rolls year after year. There is a sacrifice of spiritual power and a marring of the movements of the church when she holds 3,386 members on her rolls who are too listless to tell where they are even in the world of the flesh, and not to mention the world of the spirit.

There are no lawful lapses in church membership. Vital, earnest Christians *always* maintain a vital connection with the church no matter what conditions surround them. The suspended roll is a roll of dishonor. Let us not minimize its shame. Pardon the shocking figure, but the suspended list is nothing but a morgue where we put our spiritually dead until they are recognized and taken. This roll should pain the heart of our Synod and press our sessions to the most determined efforts after identification and disposition of those who are reducing the moral power of our church by living at this poor dying rate.

Infant Baptism.—Another conclusion from our statistics. Our 83,00 members last year presented but 1,800 babies for baptism. Out of 16,800 Presbyterian families, according to the ordinary estimation, only 1,800 recognized the rite of infant baptism. That these 1,800 were the only families out of the 16,800 blessed with little ones last year of course is not supposable. Neglect of the rite of baptism is widespread among our membership. Others note it. A Baptist friend said to me lately, "We are gradually dropping our foolish notion of close communion, and you are giving up the equally foolish one of infant baptism." The facts apparently justified the blunt remark of my immersionist friend. What are we to conclude? That children in Christian homes are becoming a rarer blessing? Fewer children than one per family to be baptized? Yes, our childless Christian American homes are in shocking contrast to the fulness of the immigrants' homes, where ideals of education and religion and all life are low and un-American. But it is not the quantity of the home life as much as its quality that explains the diminished number of infant baptisms. It is the dying out of the spirit of genuine worship and personal dedication among those that make the home that is the chief cause of this phenomenon. Home religion again and again has died under the pressure of the modern mercantile spirit. Family altars have fallen down because the father has been too busy building up the family fortunes. Religious instruction in many homes has become a lost and irksome art since the mother's program has become so crowded with

outside duties. Sacred home duties, parental responsibilities, the old-time solidity of family life have suffered by the trial of our diverting and strenuous modern life.

Through the changes within and without the home the holy ordinance of infant baptism and the serious business of dedication of children to Almighty God have been neglected. To the enriching of the religious life of the home and the sanctifying of the influences that go out from it through the incoming of a worshipful piety and a sense of divine need, the pastor and the sessions should give most prayerful attention. It is the church's greatest opportunity and for her a most unescapable obligation. "To your tents, O Israel, now see to thine own house, David." (I King 12:16.)

There are many features of the Presbyterian Narratives worthy of note, all accenting the duty of the church. They provide cheer and compel prayer.

Candidates.—There are fifty-one candidates for the ministry on our rolls. Ottawa Presbytery, with 3,529 members, reports no candidates. Four other presbyteries report one each. Chicago reports twenty-one. This is an increase of thirteen over the number in 1904. Two more than last year. The decline of the candidates for the ministry has not been stayed perceptibly and the church is called upon to continue to pray the Lord of the harvest that laborers may be sent forth into his vineyard.

Young People.—A lack of vitality and effective service is noted among the young people. The Endeavor Society has in many places a form of life that bears no fruit. The problem of reaching the strong, aggressive young people of our congregations and setting them to work, preparing them for service in the church, has not been solved.

Problem.—There are many problems borne to us out of the conditions and reflected in the reports of the presbyteries, but the church could have no problem so killing to her life as an absence of all problems. Her spiritual life becomes comatose or dead when she feels her problems have disappeared. She must fight if she would win.

Every problem is an opportunity. In it God reveals himself anew to his church and shows the church to herself. He calls for her service in surrendered obedience to-day as never before, as he sets before her the opportunity lying in unsolved problems. He has granted the promise of his presence to a live working, discipling church. When the church lives and serves he comes to abide in her in the spirit of power, and she does then what old Bishop Taylor said every true living church does, "knows and grows and glows and goes."

WM. C. COVERT.

Rev. C. T. Shaeffer, of the Synod of Pennsylvania, representing the Young People's Evangelistic Department, was invited to sit as a corresponding member, and addressed the Synod.

Notice was given that an amendment to Standing Rule 9 will be proposed to-morrow by the substitution of the word "twelve" instead of the word "eleven."

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported as follows: That paper relative to the transfer of Beason Church, to Bloomington Presbytery, be referred to the Committees on Home Missions of Bloomington and Springfield Presbyteries; that the overture from the Presbytery of Bloomington asking for the transfer of the Church of Cisco to the Presbytery of Springfield be answered in the affirmative; that no action be taken on the overture from Peoria Presbytery relative to Synodical Evangelists, since the subject is covered by the report on Home Missions; that the recent circular letter of the Moderator of the General Assembly be called to the favorable attention of the churches.

The report was adopted.

Rev. H. T. McClelland addressed the Synod in behalf of the Board of Freedmen.

In accordance with the program, Synod proceeded to engage in the Anniversary Exercises. Rev. C. N. Wilder and Rev. A. G. Bergen delivered historical addresses on the Synods of Illinois and Illinois (A), respectively. (See Appendix.)

The Moderator appointed the following to officiate at the communion service: Revs. G. C. Luccock and W. W. M. Barber to preside, and the following elders to pass the elements: A. R. Taylor, W. T. Brown, D. C. Williams, T. A. Davis, C. H. Martin, J. S. Reid, T. Crowder, W. S. Lyon, J. E. Armstrong, J. S. Hawk, W. Clendening and G. B. Hemenway.

Rev. W. C. Covert presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Moderator appoint a committee to be known as the Historical Committee of the Synod of Illinois, for the purpose of co-operating with local churches and historical committees of the various presbyteries and the Presbyterian Historical Society of Philadelphia, in the collection of data and relics connected with the earlier days of the Church in the Synod of Illinois, in order to keep alive in our memory the inspiring story of those who laid the foundations of our Synod and into whose devoted labors we have entered.

Synod proceeded to the celebration of the Lord's Supper, after which recess was taken until 7.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 7.30 O'CLOCK.

Synod met and engaged in a service of praise, after which addresses were made in the interests of Home Missions by Rev. V. E. Losa, of Pittsburg, and Rev. John Dixon, of the Board of Home Missions.

Rev. J. W. McDonald, of Decatur, spoke on "The Synod of Illinois—Its Future."

Synod adjourned, with prayer, to meet to-morrow morning at 8.30 o'clock.

THURSDAY MORNING, 8.30 O'CLOCK.

After a half-hour of devotional service, led by Elder T. H. Perrin, the Moderator called the Synod to order.

The minutes of the previous sessions were read and approved.

Rev. A. H. Stephens presented the report of the Committee on Minutes of the General Assembly. The report was adopted, as follows:

Your Committee on Assembly Minutes would report:

1. The minutes of the Illinois Synod and Illinois Synod (A) were approved by the Assembly.

2. The enabling act on reunion of the Illinois Synod and Illinois Synod (A), as passed by the Assembly, is the authority under which this Synod is held.

3. The Assembly suggests the continuance of the conferences of the Synodical Home Mission officers.

4. The self-sustaining synods are requested to report more fully than in the past to the Assembly.

5. The synods are asked to seek for uniformity of plan as far as possible in mission work.

6. The Board of Education seeks the co-operation of the Synodical Committees on Education in supplying the religious needs of the students in State and other educational institutions.

7. That the evangelistic work of the synods shall be carried on under the direction of the Synodical Committees.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. STEPHENS,
DONALD K. CAMPBELL,
J. M. JOHNSTON.

Rev. G. C. Luccock made a report for the General Committee on Presbyterial Records. The report was adopted as follows:

Approved without exception: Alton, Bloomington, Cairo, Chicago, Lincoln, Mattoon, Peoria, Rushville, Sangamon, Schuyler, Springfield, Vandalia, Rock River, Decatur, Chicago (A), Ewing, Freeport, and Lincoln.

The following records were not presented for examination: Foster, Illinois, Mt. Vernon, and Ottawa.

The Moderator appointed the following as the Historical Committee of Synod: Revs. C. N. Wilder, W. C. Covert and D. W. Clippinger.

The Moderator appointed Rev. W. R. King Committee on Resolution of Thanks.

As per order of the day, the report of the Committee on Incorporation was taken up. Mr. Henry S. Osborne, chairman, read the resolutions seriatim and, after full consideration, they were adopted, and are as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INCORPORATION.

To the Synod of Illinois of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America:

The Committee appointed by the Synod of 1905, with authority to secure a proper incorporation of the Synod of Illinois as soon as practicable (see Minutes of Synod, 1905, pp. 355, 387) continued, with changes, by the Synod of 1906 (see Minutes of Synod, 1906, pp. 460-463), respectfully reports as follows:

The committee have prepared a certificate for incorporation under the statute of Illinois relating to "Corporations not for pecuniary benefit." It has also prepared amendments to the standing rules of Synod to be adopted as by-laws, and it recommends that the Moderator and a convenient number of other members of Synod sign and acknowledge this certificate and complete the legal incorporation, and that Synod adopt the amendments to the standing rules herewith presented, to become the by-laws of the corporation when it shall be completely organized.

It will be necessary to fix the location of the principal place of business so that the certificate of incorporation may be recorded. The five trustees should also be elected by Synod from among its members, to continue in office until the election of their successors at the next annual meeting of Synod.

At some near convenient time after their election the trustees should meet and formally adopt the by-laws.

There is question whether the present statute of Illinois clearly authorizes the restriction of the powers of the trustees to the extent provided by these amendments to the standing rules, and while the subject is more technical than important at the present time, yet your committee believe it wise for Synod and beneficial for the interests of the state that an amendment be passed by the General Assembly of Illinois clearly authorizing such restrictions.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY S. OSBORNE, *Chairman*

Clinton, Ill., Oct. 16, 1907.

STATE OF ILLINOIS,
——— COUNTY.

To James A. Rose, Secretary of State:

We, the undersigned, ...
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citizens of the United States, propose to form a corporation under an Act of the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, entitled "An Act concerning corporations," approved April 18, 1872, and all acts amendatory thereof, and for the purposes of such organization we hereby certify as follows, to-wit:

Article 1.—The name of this corporation is Synod of Illinois of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

Article 2.—The business and objects for which it is formed are the salvation of men and the upbuilding of the kingdom of Christ, and especially, among other things, upbuilding, enlarging and perpetuating the spiritual, ecclesiastical, missionary, benevolent, educational and temporal interests of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America within the State of Illinois. The particular purpose of this corporation is to incorporate, under the laws of the State of Illinois, the ecclesiastical Synod of Illinois of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America into a legal corporation, not for pecuniary profit.

Article 3.—The number of its trustees is five (5), who shall be elected annually.

Article 4.—The names of the trustees for the first year of the existence of this corporation are as follows:

Article 5.—The location of the principal place of business is ——————, in the County of ————, and State of Illinois.

Witness our hands and seals this —— day of ————, A.D. 1907.

STATE OF ILLINOIS,
———— COUNTY.

I, ————————, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, hereby certify that on this —— day of ————, A.D. 1907, personally appeared before me .....
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to me personally known to be the same persons who executed the foregoing statement, and severally acknowledged that they had signed the same for the purposes therein set forth.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and notarial seal the day and year first above written.

..... *Notary Public.*

AMENDMENTS TO THE STANDING RULES OF THE SYNOD.

1. Amend the title by adding after the word "rules" the words "or by-laws."

2. Amend Article 2 by adding at the end thereof the following:

The members of this corporation shall consist, immediately after its complete organization under the laws of the State of Illinois, of said commissioners, who shall become members as so selected by the respective presbyteries from time to time, and continue such members during the current year for which selected by such presbyteries. At any meeting of the Synod, whether annual or special, any seven ministers, members of Synod,

with as many elders, also members, as shall be present, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, provided not more than three of said ministers belong to one presbytery.

Special meetings of Synod may be called by the Moderator upon application of the Board of Trustees or of any other ten members, in writing, and ten days' notice of any such special meeting shall be given by the Stated Clerk by mail to the last known address of the members.

3. After Article 9, insert the following additional articles (and change the numbers of the subsequent articles as required by such insertion):

10. The Synod shall, at its annual meeting in each year, elect from its members five (5) trustees, who shall hold office for one year and until their successors shall be elected and qualified; such trustees shall have the care, custody and control of the real and personal property of the corporation, subject to the direction of the Synod.

The Moderator for the current year shall be one of such five trustees and ex-officio chairman, and the Stated Clerk shall be Treasurer and Secretary.

Deeds and conveyances of property may be executed in the name of Synod, signed by the Moderator and attested by the Secretary or Treasurer, who shall attach thereto the seal of the Synod; such deeds and conveyances to be made only upon order, either general or special, of Synod duly assembled. All the other activities of Synod, except those expressly devolved by Synod upon said trustees, shall be transacted by the Synod itself and its various committees, boards and agencies (as appointed by it), who shall require good and sufficient bonds, running to Synod of all persons to whom the custody of funds is entrusted.

11. The duties of the officers of Synod shall be such as usually pertain to their respective offices.

12. The seal of Synod shall be as follows: .....

To the Synod of Illinois of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America:

The Committee of Incorporation respectfully makes this supplemental report upon suggestions four and five of the report of the Committee on Home Missions, referred yesterday to this committee.

It has conferred with the Committee on Home Missions, and, with its concurrence, recommends that no separate corporation be organized at the present time for the administration of the work of Home Missions, because, with the incorporation of Synod the legal requirements are satisfied and another legal corporation is deemed at present unnecessary.

It further recommends that the Illinois Church Extension Association of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church be directed to hold any properties entrusted to or held by it until the further direction or action of Synod.

It further recommends the following action by Synod:

1. Adopt a form of seal and authorize the Stated Clerk to procure such seal.

2. Take action upon the proposed amendments to the Standing Rules.

3. Adopt the Standing Rules and By-Laws, as amended, as the Standing Rules and By-Laws of Synod and of the corporation when completely organized.

4. Elect from its commissioners four trustees in addition to the Moderator, who shall also act as commissioners to incorporate.

5. Fix the location of the principal place of business.

6. Appoint a committee to complete the incorporation and committee to seek amendments to the Statute Law of Illinois as recommended by this committee

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY S. OSBORNE, *Chairman.*

Clinton, Ill., October 17, 1907.

On motion of Rev. W. S. P. Bryan, duly seconded, it was adopted by Synod unanimously.

Resolved, That the seal of the corporation to be organized be as follows: The emblem shall be an open Bible with these words on the left-hand page: "The Word of the Lord," and those on the right-hand page, "Endureth Forever." The whole, surrounded with the words "Synod of Illinois of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A." The exact design and ornamentation will be chosen by the trustees, and that the Stated Clerk be directed to procure such seal.

On motion, duly seconded, it was by Synod, by unanimous vote

Resolved, That the Standing Rules of Synod be amended by the additions and changes recommended by the Committee on Incorporation.

Whereupon the Moderator declared such amendments to be now in force as part of the Standing Rules of Synod.

On motion, duly seconded, it was by Synod, by unanimous vote,

Resolved, That Synod adopt the Standing Rules and By-Laws as amended as the Standing Rules and By-Laws of Synod, and of the corporation when completely organized.

Whereupon the Moderator declared the Standing Rules and By-Laws as amended to be the Standing Rules and By-Laws of Synod and of the Corporation when completely organized.

On motion, duly seconded, it was unanimously

Resolved, That Synod now proceed to the election of four trustees in addition to the Moderator; such trustees, or any convenient number of them, with others whom they may select to act as commissioners to incorporate; such four trustees, together with the Moderator, to constitute the five trustees for the current year, and until their successors shall be elected and qualify, of the corporation.

Rev. I. A. Cornelison nominated the following persons as the four trustees and commissioners as provided in the last resolu-

tion, namely, Charles T. Yeomans, of Danville; Samuel F. Wilson, of Neoga; W. S. Plumer Bryan, of Chicago, and Andrew Stevenson of Chicago; and there being no other nominations, he moved that said four persons be elected as such trustees and commissioners to incorporate. The motion was duly seconded, put to vote, and unanimously carried.

Whereupon the Moderator declared the following named persons, to wit, Abraham G. Bergen, Moderator, Charles T. Yeomans, Samuel F. Wilson, W. S. Plumer Bryan and Andrew Stevenson to be the five trustees for the ensuing year, and until their successors shall be elected and qualify, of the Synod of Illinois of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, who shall also, or a part of them, with such others of the present commissioners of Synod as they shall select, complete the legal incorporation of Synod.

On motion, duly seconded, it was by Synod

Resolved, That the location of the principal place of business of the corporation to be organized be at Springfield, Illinois.

On motion, duly seconded, it was by Synod unanimously

Resolved, That the present Committee on Incorporation be continued with power to complete the incorporation of Synod, and to seek proper amendments to the Statute Law of Illinois, as recommended in the report of that committee.

Synod expressed its appreciation of the valuable services of Mr. H. S. Osborne, by a rising vote.

Rev. W. J. Darby, of the Synod of Indiana, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Rev. J. K. Shields, Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Illinois, addressed Synod.

The Moderator announced the order of the day, and Rev. W. S. P. Bryan, Chairman of the Committee on Christian Education, presented representatives of James Millikin, who reported as follows:

Prof. A. R. Taylor, as President of the University; Mr. J. K. McDavid, as President of the College Commission of the Synod of Illinois (A),

Rev. W. J. Darby, as President of the Board of Trustees of James Millikin University,

Rev. D. E. Bushnell, as College Visitor for the Synod of Illinois (A),

Prof. A. R. Taylor, as Chairman of the Committee on Education of the Synod of Illinois (A),

These reports were received and recommendations adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF THE COLLEGE COMMISSION.

The College Commission herewith submits to the Synods of Illinois, Indiana and Iowa its seventh annual report.

In presenting this first report to the united Synod it seems fitting that a brief historical statement should be made.

In October, 1900, there was presented to the Synods of Illinois, Indiana and Iowa, of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, by Mr. James Millikin, of Decatur, Illinois, a certain proposition looking to the establishment of a college and industrial school at Decatur, Illinois. The proposition was accepted by the synods and the College Commission was appointed, consisting of ten members, six being appointed by the Synod of Illinois and two each by the synods of Indiana and Iowa, for the purpose of promoting the educational interests of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church throughout the synods named.

The Commission was duly incorporated as "The College Commission of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church," with headquarters at Decatur, Illinois.

One of the first duties laid upon the Commission by the synods was the formulation of a satisfactory form of organization for the school at Decatur. After much conference the original charter of Lincoln University at Lincoln, Illinois, was so amended as to establish a department at Decatur to be operated under said charter, with all its privileges, the entire institution to be known as "The James Millikin University," being composed of Lincoln College at Lincoln, Illinois, and Decatur College and Industrial School, at Decatur, Illinois.

The original proposition of Mr. Millikin required the church to furnish $100,000 toward the endowment, and the Commission was intrusted with the management of this campaign. Rev. A. W. Hawkins, of Decatur, Illinois, was employed by the Commission as its first business manager. He, in connection with Dr. W. J. Darby and others, made the canvass, securing the amount needed to meet the conditions of the proposition submitted by Mr. Millikin.

In 1903 Mr. Millikin submitted another proposition, which was also accepted by the synods. According to the terms of this proposition Mr. Millikin gives $150,000 for equipment and current expenses for the first five years, and also agrees thereafter, upon June 30 of each year for a period of twenty years, to pay the Treasurer of said school, for the use of said school at Decatur, Illinois, two dollars to the church's one, provided he shall not be required to pay more than $60,000 in any one year. Furthermore, Mr. Millikin agrees if said school is satisfactorily conducted, and until and on June 30, 1928, is doing good and satisfactory work in the community, has good standing as a school and has an enrollment of, say, 500 or 600 students, to provide that his entire surplus annual income thereafter, and the surplus annual income of his estate, shall be continuously paid over as a perpetual fund for the support of said school at Decatur, Illinois.

And this on the following conditions, viz: (1) That the College Commission shall pay into the treasury of the Decatur College of the James Millikin University, for the exclusive use of the school at Decatur, Illinois, the sum of $50,000, together with interest thereon, from June 30, 1902. The principal fund to be paid on or before June 30, 1908. (2) That upon completing the payment of the $50,000 and interest, the College Commission shall proceed upon and continue the work of raising endowment funds from the members of said church and the friends of said school, and shall keep a good, active and efficient canvasser constantly in the field, working for said endowment, until an additional $200,000 has been raised, said endowment fund to be for the sole benefit of said school at Decatur, Illinois.

Early in the year 1903 the Commission employed the Rev. Dr. W. T. Ferguson as Business Manager to fill the place made vacant by the death of the Rev. A. W. Hawkins. Dr. Ferguson worked faithfully in the face of many discouragements, growing out of the agitation of the question of the union of the two churches, securing some $15,000 in notes and cash. The most of the notes, however, were after-death notes, whose value is somewhat uncertain, though given only by persons of good financial standing.

In December, 1905, through the death of Dr. Ferguson, the work of the Commission was interrupted for the second time. Dr. W. J. Darby consented to serve the Commission as Corresponding Agent, though for almost a year and a half the uncertainties arising from the agitation of the union of the two churches greatly impeded the work of raising funds. Indeed, the conditions were such, for a part of the time, that the Commission did not feel justified in keeping an agent actively engaged in the field.

In the summer of 1907 the Rev. L. D. Beck and the Rev. A. G. Bergen were appointed to prosecute the work of raising the $50,000 needed to meet the conditions of Mr. Millikin's last proposition. The Rev. Mr. Beck entered upon his work May 15, giving his time largely until September to a canvass for students. Since then he has been soliciting endowment funds. The Rev. Mr. Bergen begins active work this month.

The Commission has been paying the treasurer of the Decatur College 5 per cent interest on the $50,000 for the past four years, part of which has been advanced by individual members, who have accepted notes taken by agents as collateral.

Th special and the imperative duty of the College Commission and the church for the next few months is the raising of the $50,000 called for by Mr. Millikin's generous proposition. The conditions of the proposition are so simple and so easily complied with in this day of great educational undertakings and unprecedented financial prosperity, and the results for the school and the church are so magnificent, that it would seem that the friends of the institution should not hesitate to provide at once the amount needed.

The following are the members of the College Commission:

Those whose terms expire in 1907, appointed by the Synod of Illinois—A. R. Scott, J. K. McDavid, Samuel Anderson.

By the Synod of Indiana—A. M. Kenney.

By the Synod of Iowa—R. L. VanNice.

Those whose terms expire in 1908, appointed by the Synod of Illinois—J. M. Johnston, J. N. Baker, A. G. Bergen.

By the Synod of Indiana—W. J. Darby.

By the Synod of Iowa—.....

J. K. McDavid,
President.
A. G. Bergen,
Secretary.
J. N. Baker,
Treasurer.
W. J. Darby,
Chairman Executive Committee.
A. R. Scott,
J. M. Johnston,
R. L. VanNice,
A. M. Kenney,
Samuel Anderson.

Report of the Board of Trustees of the James Millikin University to the Synods of Indiana, Illinois and Iowa:

Brethren:

The Board of Trustees of the James Millikin University begs leave to submit its sixth annual report. The general condition of the two colleges constituting the university is most satisfactory.

Lincoln College, at Lincoln, reports a total attendance of 256, with a graduating class of twelve and a faculty of sixteen members.

Decatur College and Industrial School, at Decatur, reports a total enrollment of 756, with a graduating class of thirty-seven. This enrollment represented 144 cities and towns and seventeen different states and territories. The total faculty membership, including regular student assistants, was fifty-two.

These figures show a total membership in the faculties of the university of sixty-eight, a total enrollment of 1,012, and a total of forty-nine graduates, certainly a most gratifying exhibit. There were seven candidates for the ministry in attendance at Decatur and five at Lincoln, making twelve in all.

The annual reports of the Boards of Managers continue to show that the business affairs at both colleges are being managed in a most satisfactory manner. The small balance, account teachers' orders unpaid, at Lincoln was easily met by the incoming interest. The Treasurers' statements, condensed, are as follows:

LINCOLN COLLEGE, PER FRANK HOBLIT, TREASURER.

Receipts:

Interest	$ 5,355 18
Rents	631 00
Contingent, net	998 25
Tuition, including D. S.	270 00
Diplomas	60 00
Gifts, Scharff	1,350 00
Donations	45 20
Music	44 15
Laboratory	30 50
Cash on hand, June 20, 1906	75 83
Total	$ 8,860 11

Payments:

Salaries	$ 6,996 00
Incidental expenses	891 15
Improvements, etc., repairs	506 60
Apparatus	227 73
Interest and insurance	230 00
Cash on hand, June 20, 1907	8 63
Total	$ 8,860 11
Teachers' orders unpaid	$ 700 00

STATEMENT ENDOWMENT FUND ACCOUNTS.

Loans made	$27,294 00
Loans re-entered	450 00
Loans taken off	755 78
Took up building certificates	3,974 79
Took up teachers' orders	10,716 00
Cash on hand, June 20, 1907	5,231 98
Total	$48,422 55

Loans paid	$25,125 00
Loans taken off	755 78
Loans re-entered	450 00
Donations—Alumni Association	70 35
Betzer estate	968 12
Drennan estate	4,940 00
Cash on hand, June 20, 1906	16,113 30
Total	$48,422 55

The buildings and grounds at Lincoln are valued at $100,000.

DECATUR COLLEGE, PER O. B. GORIN, TREASURER.

Receipts:	
Balance on hand, June 11, 1906	$ 1,760 83
Endowment fund	200,000 00
James Millikin	30,000 00
Interest on notes, bonds, etc	13,346 28
Tuition fees, etc	24,333 51
Total	$269,440 62
Disbursements:	
Teachers' salaries	$ 37,413 31
School of Music	12,883 70
Miscellaneous expenses	15,781 43
Endowment fund	200,000 00
Balance on hand, June 10, 1907	3,362 18
Total	$269,440 62

These statements show that the total income of the university for the year closing June 1, 1907, including balances on hand June 1, 1906, was $78,300.73; the expenditures, $74,921.92.

The buildings and grounds at Decatur, including equipment, are valued at $367,000. This includes the new Woman's Hall, the gift of Mr. Millikin, costing over $50,000.

The total available endowment at both colleges is $302,640.76. This does not include the sum of $50,000 pledged by the College Commission to the Decatur College, and on which it is receiving 5 per cent interest from the Commission.

The aggregate value of the buildings and grounds at Lincoln and Decatur, including equipment, is $467,000.

We regret to announce the sudden death of President E. A. Gastman, of the local Board of Managers of the Decatur College, on the morning of August 3d last. He was invaluable as an administrative officer and counsellor, and his place will be difficult to fill.

In the consolidation of the synods of the three states, resulting from the union of the Presbyterian and Cumberland Presbyterian Churches, care has been taken to guard the property rights of the synods and of the university. All of the provisions concerning them submitted by your committee were duly considered and approved by the General Assembly at Columbus in May last. The charter of the university provides that the terms of the members of the Board of Trustees, fifteen in all, shall be three years, and that they shall be elected as follows: Nine by the Synod of Illinois and three each from the synods of Indiana and Iowa. It also provides that five of the members shall be residents of Macon County, Illinois; five of Logan County, and that five shall not be residents of either county. The following persons constitute the membership of the Board:

For the term expiring in 1907, appointed by the Synod of Illinois—E. G. King, Lincoln; A. C. Boyd, Lincoln; S. E. Walker, Decatur.

Appointed by the Synod of Indiana—J. E. Williamson, Evansville.

Appointed by the Synod of Iowa—R. L. VanNice, Waukon.

For the term expiring in 1908, appointed by the Synod of Illinois—L. B. Stringer, Lincoln; Geo. B. Spitler, Mt. Zion; L. D. Beck, Bethany.

Appointed by the Synod of Indiana—W. J. Darby, Evansville.

Appointed by the Synod of Iowa—H. E. Starkey, Lincoln.

For the term expiring in 1909, appointed by the Synod of Illinois—J. C. Fisher, Decatur; F. E. Bell, Mattoon; W. H. Evans, Lincoln.

Appointed by the Synod of Indiana—W. C. Outten, Decatur.

Appointed by the Synod of Iowa—A. H. Mills, Decatur.

The success of this first serious attempt on the part of our church to provide instruction in such a large range of technical subjects ought not only to convince our people of the general demand for it, but to encourage them to provide more liberally for it that the children of the church may have the same advantages in our own colleges as in the state and other heavily endowed institutions not under the denominational supervision. As the figures given demonstrate, both colleges constituting this university are being managed in a most economical way. The income, however, is inadequate for sustaining them properly as now organized, and much more so for enlarging their scope as there is imperative demand. Is it too much to expect that some men and women of means will provide the needed funds in the near future?

W. J. Darby, *President.*
H. E. Starkey, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF VISITOR TO THE JAMES MILLIKIN UNIVERSITY.

Synod of Illinois (A).

Fathers and Brethren:

As visitor from the Synod of Illinois (A), I attended the annual commencements of the colleges of the James Millikin University, and also the annual meetings of the Board of Trustees and the College Commission last summer, and beg to report as follows:

One of the results of my visit is a deeper conviction of the magnitude and remarkable prosperity of this young Christian university of the Middle West. Remembering that it is scarcely beyond the beginning of the present century that the University of the State of Illinois had so many students enrolled, it is almost incredible that the James Millikin has, at the end of its fourth year, more than one thousand of a student body, and yet the enrollment for the last year in the two colleges, Lincoln and Decatur, was one thousand and twelve.

The school year in Lincoln College was one of the most prosperous in the long history of this illustrious college. The administration of the affairs of this school by Dean J. H. McMurray has given unqualified satisfaction, and the outlook for the school is unusually bright.

The event of the year at the Decatur College was the completion of

the Woman's Hall, the gift of the noble founder of the university, Mr. James Millikin. This splendid dormitory has about sixty rooms and is a model of elegance, convenience and comfort in its superb equipment as a home for young ladies attending the college.

But that which most impressed the visitor was the superior character of the student body. For, after all, the greatest asset of any college is its student body, especially when the undergraduate student body is backed by a fine alumnae. Millikin has both of these conditions of a high grade asset, for there is no finer alumnae connected with any institution than that which claims Lincoln College as alma mater. The same will be true when Decatur has lengthened her roll of graduates by adding a few score or hundreds of the same class as those already honored by the institution, and bring honor to it. The character of the student body could hardly be other than it is, and would be disappointing if it were less noble when one comes to know the character of the faculty in charge of its courses of instruction, and intrusted with the guidance of the young life which the university has drawn unto itself from so many localities.

The visitor was also profoundly impressed with the intense earnestness, high character and business ability and resourcefulness of the managing boards, members of the College Commission, the Board of Trustees and the local Boards of Control. They are men in whom the friends of the school can safely confide. These managers are now engaged in a vigorous effort to complete the fund of fifty thousand dollars necessary to comply with the Scott-Millikin contract, by which the university will come into a large increase of its resources for the work of the future. The completion of this fund has been greatly hindered, incidentally, by the process of reunion and union of the churches. It is now in the stage of vigorous progress and commends itself to every friend of Christian education in the Middle West. It is for the synods of Iowa, Indiana and Illinois to say whether this splendidly begun agency for the highest education shall be able to go on to still higher and better things, or for lack of a few thousand dollars now be left to struggle indefinitely, as so many others have done. The call is to the Illinois Synod to-day. After a few months it will be too late. By the 30th day of June next this fund must be completed or the contract will be void. Can the Synod afford to throw away such a magnificent opportunity? Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL E. BUSHNELL,
College Visitor for the Synod of Illinois (A).

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, SYNOD (A).

Fathers and Brethren:

Your Committee on Education, Synod (A), begs leave to offer the following report:

The past year has been one of activity and progress in educational affairs as well as in every other line of human interest. It has witnessed a continued improvement in the organization and efficiency of our public schools,

particularly in the secondary schools. The demand for better trained teachers is growing everywhere, and in many places the moral standards are higher than heretofore. While formal religious instruction is barred by statute in some states, the general tone of moral instruction continues to be very gratifying.

In the West particularly the states are not only supporting the high schools in a most liberal way, but they are voting princely sums to the state universities every year for buildings and maintenance, so that they vie with the richly endowed institutions of the East in facilities for instruction and research.

Large sums of money have also been received by the denominational colleges of the country, though they have been distributd among so many of them that only in exceptional cases are they keeping pace with their respective state institutions. The two colleges of the James Millikin University under your care, at Lincoln and Decatur, whose reports have been presented, have shared in these benefactions, the former to the extent of a few thousand dollars and the latter to about fifty thousand. Other Presbyterian colleges in Illinois report still larger amounts, though the sum total of all is small compared with the appropriations made by the last legislature for the State University.

Under the circumstances, the church schools face an increasingly active competition that attracts a large number of the young men and women of the church away from them, which often results in serious loss to them as individuals and to the church as a whole as well. Deplore the conditions as we may, the surest remedy lies in better equipment and larger endowment of our church colleges. The integrity and perpetuity of the church depend upon it, as has been fully demonstrated many times over.

The reports of the two colleges mentioned, as summarized in the report of the Board of Trustees, show a total attendance last year in all of the departments of 1,012, with graduating classes in June of forty-nine. The number of members of the faculties aggregate sixty-eight. The total income for maintenance was $78,300.73, and the expenditures $74,921.92. The total value of the property of the university, including endowment, is $769,640.00, not including the fifty thousand dollars pledged by the Synods through the College Commission, and on which the Decatur College is receiving interest promptly each year.

Your committee is pleased at the assurance of the sympathetic co-operation of the faculties and students of these colleges in promoting high moral and religious ideals and in advancing the standard of scholarship. A Christian college, first of all, should stand for the best in character and scholarship. While all this is true, we regret the fact that so small a proportion of the student body is preparing for the gospel ministry, and trust that the number may be greatly increased in the near future.

As many of you are aware, the College Commission of the Synods of Indiana, Iowa and Illinois was organized for the purpose of raising funds to meet the generous proposition of Mr. Millikin for the establishment

of an institution of learning at Decatur. It met the original conditions, but undertook to raise an additional fifty thousand dollars under a second contract with Mr. Millikin, April 30, 1903. The disaffection arising from the proposed union with the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., and the consequent litigation in the courts has blocked the work of the Commission to an unexpected degree. The number of judicial decisions sustaining the validity of the union has been so great, however, that it has had a most wholesome effect on the church in establishing confidence and in quickening its interest in all of its enterprises. As a consequence, the Commission is encouraged to put two agents in the field with instructions to make a thorough canvass of the territory and raise the balance needed to meet the obligations to Mr. Millikin incurred on behalf of the Synods named, during the present college year. The good name of the Presbyterian Church is at stake in this matter, and the faith Mr. Millikin has shown in its ability by the payment of such large sums on his part ought to stimulate men and women of means in our communion to respond promptly and liberally to the appeal of the Commission. The amounts already received from our large-hearted patron are small as compared with what we are yet to receive if we do our part. We shall be unworthy such benefactions if we fail to appreciate this great opportunity.

The university stands third in order of attendance among the Presbyterian colleges of the country, and sixth in property and endowment assets, If the church in these three synods fulfills its engagements, the university at Decatur at once rises to second place in property and endowment, New York University only outranking it. The possibility of such an institution right here in the center of this great state ought to arouse universal interest at once. We are too near its realization to falter now.

We call your attention to the importance of continuing the College Commission until its work is completed and to the fact that the terms of service of A. R. Scott, Samuel Anderson and J. K. McDavid expire at this time. We recommend their reappointment for three years.

The terms of service of the following members of the Board of Trustees appointed by you expire at this time: E. G. King, Lincoln; A. C. Boyd, Lincoln; S. E. Walker, Decatur. We recommend their appointment as their own successors.

Your committee would emphasize our obligation to the members of the College Commission, of the Board of Trustees, and of the local Boards of Managers of the two colleges, for their continued devotion to the trusts imposed upon them and their faithfulness in administering their affairs.

Let us repeat, in closing, that even more than funds, our colleges need the loyal moral support of the church as a whole; they need the patronage of our own church people, the presence of our own young men and women within their walls, the continued recognition of their place and importance in carrying forward the work of the church throughout the world. And yet, strange to say, that which is easiest given, and which is most vital to their success is too often withheld or indifferently given. Your committee

would urge our ministers to strive to stimulate a more general and a more abiding interest in all our educational enterprises.

In accordance with the recommendations of the General Assembly, we suggest that you instruct all our ministers to preach a sermon in May or June of each year on the importance of Christian education, setting forth the character of the organization of our own colleges and the facilities they offer for completing general and technical courses.

In view of the scarcity of candidates for the ministry, we would also recommend that you instruct our ministers to preach one sermon each year on the call to the ministry, and to strive to induce more of our young men to consecrate themselves to it.

In place of L. D. Beck, resigned, we recommend D. C. Smith, of Normal, Ill. Fraternally yours,

A. R. Taylor,
D. E. Bushnell,
A. F. Zeigel.

Rev. W. S. P. Bryan presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Synod has listened with great satisfaction to the various reports from James Millikin University, just submitted, and recognizes the large liberality of the founder, Mr. James Millikin, of Decatur, the fine equipment of the institution and the opportunity now before us to complete the endowment on very favorable terms. Synod cordially welcomes James Millikin University to the number of educational institutions related to her and commends it to the liberality of our people, and we recommend that the college commission be continued.

The report of the Committee on Christian Education was then presented by Rev. W. S. P. Bryan. The resolutions were considered and adopted seriatim and, pending their adoption, representatives of the various institutions addressed Synod, as follows: President J. S. Nollen, of Lake Forest College; President C. H. Rammelkamp, of Illinois College; Rev. T. D. Logan, President of the Board of Trustees of Blackburn College; Rev. J. R. E. Craighead, of Union Academy; Prof. H. J. Barton, of the State University. President Rammelkamp also addressed the Synod in the interest of the College Board.

The resolutions were adopted as a whole, and the report is as follows:

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Clinton, Ill., Oct. 17, 1907.

The Committee on Christian Education would respectfully present to Synod its second report. Appointed two years ago to serve for three years in charge of the four great departments of Christian education, the com-

mittee views the consolidation of all our education interests under the charge of one committee as still an experiment. The committee has been composed of men already fully occupied with pastoral and other duties. By visitation and by correspondence it has kept in touch more or less closely with our five institutions, and has been able to harmonize some conflicting interests and to exert a stimulating influence in behalf of these institutions, yet not an influence so productive of students or of money as to warrant reliance upon its agency independently of the working force at the institution itself. It has conducted the work at the State University, of which mention will be made below. It has also been in correspondence with the College Board and the Board of Education, and has been able to explain to these boards the needs of our Synod in their respective departments. These results are relatively small when compared with what might have been accomplished if the Synod maintained a regular working agency of its own. Whether these results warrant a continuance of this policy the Synod must decide. The interests at stake are so large, and in some cases so delicate, as to require that, whatever policy be adopted, it shall be both definite and aggressive.

The Board of Education, with its new Secretary, Dr. Cochran, and the new Assistant Secretary, Dr. Darby, is facing the work assigned to it, both old and new, with courage and with determination. As to the ministry, it meets a situation in which all evangelical churches share. It appears that in thirty theological seminaries the number of men studying is four hundred less than it was ten years ago, with an increase of eight million in our population. In our own church we have a third less than ten years ago, although our membership has increased from 1,034,000 to 1,304,000. The church apparently has no solution for the question of our declining list of candidates for the ministry. Our destitute fields at home and abroad cry in vain for men, while the desirable charges in the central sections of the church, when they become vacant, are burdened beyond measure with applications. Some day the church will wake up and readjust the whole system of ministerial distribution, even if it be at the cost of some customs now prevailing.

In view of this decrease it is not surprising that the Board reports only 788 candidates, 42 less than last year, of which 268 are new. This number of new candidates includes also ninety-one who have come to us from the former Cumberland Presbyteries, and but for whom the number would show a sharper decline. On the other hand, it is encouraging to note that the new work of the Board in preparing men for the ministry, among our foreign-speaking population, shows an increase, the number at present being 167, of which 19 are among Spanish-speaking people and 77 among the negroes. Of the 788 candidates reported to the Board, 356 are in theological seminaries, 346 are in colleges and 86 in academies. The College Board has discovered among the 5,508 male students under its care, 604 who are candidates for the ministry. As hitherto, this encouraging number is found in the smaller institutions dependent upon the church for support, to which evidently we must continue to look for our supply.

Our own Synod shows no marked change in her statistics of this work. The Board reports 43 candidates under its care from our Presbyteries, while the Synod of New York reports 67, and the Synod of Pennsylvania 138. Illinois, as the third state in the Union, having a well equipped seminary within its bounds, should be able to show a larger interest in the work than this. In the matter of contributions, we are distinctly behind these two leading synods. The Synod of Pennsylvania drew from the Board $13,045 and contributed $14,807, and the Synod of New York drew $6,155 and contributed $8,413, while we received from the Board $4,140 and contributed only $2,801. It is manifest that we are not doing our full duty as compared with our sister synods. The proportion of giving is no better with us than among the weaker synods of the West.

The College Board presents in its annual report a most illuminating survey of our educational situation. Under its new and vigorous policy it shows an increase in the number of students in the colleges under its care, an advance from 13,848 last year to 15,115. New buildings have been erected to the value of $614,252 and new endowments provided to the amount of $1,813,828. The closer touch of the church at large with our young institutions has been healthful and invigorating, and erelong many of these will be upon a basis by which they can cope adequately with the demands upon them. At the present time 78 new buildings are needed, at the cost of $2,000,000; and 132 new teachers, whose salaries amount to $42,132. At the same time we should bear in mind that we have no college in Nevada, Wyoming, North Dakota, New Mexico, Arizona, Cuba, Porto Rico or Alaska. The Board reports a gratifying increase in its receipts, amounting this year to $110,138, with a total of $1,451,193, given to institutions directly. As last year, our Synod has been generous to institutions beyond its bounds, as the itemized list of individual gifts shows.

Our Own Institutions. Your committee has been able to serve the institutions under the care of the Synod for the most part only indirectly. Each of these is organized for its own work, and each is in relation more or less close with the College Board, the result of which is that the local field of each institution and its share in the interest of the church at large are well cared for. The effective interest of our Synod in its own institutions is not as yet fully developed, and cannot be under the present system, in that it leaves this work in the hands of men already fully occupied with the ordinary duties of the ministry.

Passing by McCormick Seminary, which, while within our bounds, is directly responsible to the General Assembly, and coming to the institutions in close relation to us, we find

Lake Forest College has a new president in the person of John S. Nollen, Ph.D., formerly Professor of German in Indiana University. During the year four new buildings have been completed, two of them dormitories for men, one a commons for men, and the other a new Science Building, representing an outlay of $140,000, with an endowment of $30,000 for the Science building. A Senior House has been provided for Ferry Hall by reconstructing and enlarging a private residence, and the Academy

has improved its equipment by remodeling one of its halls that was injured by fire last spring. The year opens with excellent prospects. Ferry Hall enrolls 136 as against 128 in 1906, the Academy 100 as against 70 in 1906, the College 170 now as against 170 in 1906, a total increase of 38 over the attendance at the same time last year.

Illinois College, completed last June its new endowment of $100,000. The subscriptions are now being collected, and it is hoped in a short time the actual cash will be in hand to secure the $50,000 offered by Mr. Carnegie. The Board is at work upon a plan for raising $50,000 more to place the institution upon a solid basis. It has 95 students in college, 90 in the preparatory, and with conservatory students will probably exceed last year's total, 304. Much has been done to enlarge the scope of Bible instruction given in the college, not only by increasing the work in that department, but by securing the services of one of the city pastors.

Blackburn College has an attendance this year of 165 students, 32 in the College and 33 in the Academy, not counting the students of music and elocution. Of these students, 40 per cent are Presbyterians, 65 per cent are professing Christians, and among them are three candidates for the ministry. It has a faculty of eight paid members, who devote their time to teaching, including the President, Dr. Lingle. The year has been marked by great activity in the effort to complete the endowment of $70,000 on the plan described in our report of last year. This plan, it will be remembered, was undertaken by the college authorities in connection with the four presbyteries of Mattoon, Bloomington, Alton and Peoria. The plan is presbyterial rather than synodical, and consequently the Synod's committee was not brought into touch with it, further than it is interested in every movement looking to the rehabilitation of this historic institution. The plan has been so far successful that Mattoon Presbytery has raised in the notes of individuals and churches and in cash the sum of $5,700; that Bloomington has raised in cash and individnal notes, together with a presbyterial note of $1,000, the sum of $5,005; that Alton has raised in cash and individual notes, together with a presbyterial note of $2,400, the sum of $5,000; that Peoria has given a presbyterial note of $4,000, which, supplemented with about $1,000 from Springfield Presbytery, makes another $5,000 a total of considerably more than the $20,000 planned for. These notes are not all in a form entirely satisfactory from the banker's standpoint, and the $20,000 gift of Mr. Carnegie is payable only when the $50,000 is in cash or in marketable securities. The intricate questions involved are now awaiting solution, but even if some delay be experienced, it must be a matter of great satisfaction that the movement has succeeded thus far, and it is only due to President Lingle to say that these results have come from his untiring efforts in the midst of great difficulties.

Genesco Collegiate Institute has just entered on its twenty-fourth year, in which time it has graduated 289 alumni. The institute numbers 50 students, besides those taking a course in music, which last year was 31. A summer course is given for the benefit of those teaching in the grammar schools of the county, and last summer 43 were enrolled. The college

preparatory course is accepted by the leading colleges and universities, and while the school is not large, the work is thorough and efficient. The students are required to attend the church of their choice once on each Sabbath day. The current expenses will probably be met, but the subscriptions named are expiring. There is no increase in the endowment of last year, which amounted to a total of $38,640.

Union Academy has completed its new building, Benton Hall, at a cost of $19,000. The effect upon the people of the county as a whole has been stimulating, although much remains to be done. The vigorous canvass made during the summer for new students has not produced the numbers desired for the present year, but will, it is believed, be productive of large future results. About 50 students are enrolled in the academic department, with as many more in the departments of music and art, so that the new catalogue will show about 100 students. The representation is more general than formerly, and the body of students is in every way a desirable one. The institution needs the endowment of $25,000 which was recommended by Synod last year, a new library and chemical laboratory with necessary apparatus and supplies, and $1,000 for the enlarged work it has undertaken.

Your committee believes that Synod should recognize these institutions as having a claim upon her confidence and support in direct proportion to the extent to which they co-operate with Synod as educational agencies of the Church. This was the primary relation, and the development of our system through the great boards of the church, and the new duties of the church to her youth in state institutions ought not to diminish our sense of maternal responsibility for such institutions as emphasize their relation to the church and their dependence for success upon the blessing of the head of the church, Jesus the Son of God.

Religious Work at the State Universities. This year has been marked by a decided advance in the recognition by the church of the claims upon her of the youth in our state universities. The last Assembly instructed the Board of Education to co-operate with those synods within the bounds of which these universities are located in providing for this work. The Board has already entered upon its task. How great this task is will appear from the fact that there are 32 state universities, besides normal schools, agricultural schools and technical schools, in which, as in the universities, our youth are gathered together without any definite religious influences, and from the further fact that each of these institutions, by reason of its location, presents an individual problem. The Board has recently held in Philadelphia a conference with certain representatives of this work, at which the members present manifested the greatest eagerness to acquire information, and while no definite action was taken by the Board at the time, the expressions made indicate a readiness to throw its influence in this direction just as far as its prior interests will permit. The charter of the Board appears to be broad enough to cover educational work in general, although that work thus far has been limited to Ministerial Education; and the secretary, Dr. Cochran, has expressed

himself as ready to devote a considerable portion of his time to the preliminary investigation of these various institutions, with a view to ascertaning the facts which are necessary to intelligent action by the Board. All of this indicates a rapid development of what may be called the educational conscience of the church. It is not that she has lost any interest in her own institutions, but that she has suddenly realized that her children oftener are found outside than inside of her own institutions, and that wherever her children are there must she fellow them with Christian nurture. To those who remember the first movement in this direction at Springfield four years ago this result calls forth deep gratitude.

The work at our own university was begun at the opening of last session with Rev. Dr. Porter as student pastor. We labored under the difficulties attending every new work. We had no building, and, what was more, no congregation. The local situation seemed to require such an effort. No one at a distance can realize how great our difficulties were, and it is encouraging that, in the face of them, a good start was made in the direction of a register of Presbyterian students, and an organization of those who are ready to enlist in our new movement. The expressions of the student body were most hearty in appreciation of the efforts we made, and the committee looks with confidence for a very cordial support of the new student pastor as soon as he enters upon his work. The situation has greatly cleared in that a thorough understanding exists, to the effect that our university religious services shall be arranged to reach the university community, independent of but in entire harmony with our churches at Champaign and Urbana. In adopting this policy we are only in line with those aggressive sister churches which have already entered into the field, erected substantial and attractive buildings, and are filling them from day to day with interested groups of students. It ought to be within the reach of Presbyterians to achieve by hard labor what sister churches accomplish with apparent ease.

Dr. Porter resigned after one year of service, and his place has not yet been supplied. It is expected that his successor will be appointed soon, and, with the information gathered last year, a new and successful work be done.

We have not yet undertaken the erection of buildings which, when begun, will involve considerable expense. The committee has assurances of temporary quarters in one of the commodious lecture halls of the university, but it realizes that sooner or later our church must have an edifice suited to the purposes of religious worship and Christian fellowship. The committee has also considered the erection of a Woman's Hall of Residence, which is felt to be a great lack at the university, but one which, under the present state policy, cannot be supplied. Some of the influential elements of the univeristy, outside of our church, have warmly approved this idea for the sake of the increasing number of young women in attendance.

Until such time as an endowment has been provided, the support of this work must come either from the churches or from individuals among our

people. The sum needed at present for current expenses is, as hitherto, $3,000 a year, and this has been apportioned among the presbyteries: To one of them one-half and to another a sixth of it; to the others in sums of $200 and $100 each. Some of the presbyteries have not yet responded to the appeal made to them in this behalf, even in cases where the youth of those presbyteries are in attendance upon the university. The responses of pastors throughout the state lead your committee to believe that these apportionments can readily be met, either from liberally-disposed individuals or from our churches in the way of contribution. And if a distinct contribution would be burdensome, is it asking too much that our churches so increase their offerings for the Board of Education that they would feel justified in designating a certain proportion of these for the university work?

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the election of Mr. James Viles, Jr., and Mr. Clayton Mark as Trustees of Lake Forest College, and also the election of Rev. W. H. W. Boyle, D.D., which should have been reported a year ago, be now approved. Further, that the Synod extend to Dr. Nollen its greetings as the new president of Lake Forest, and express its hope that his administration will be marked by close and cordial relations with the Synod.

2. That Synod rejoices in the success of Illinois College in its recent movement for endowment; that it cordially approves the application to the College Board for aid in providing its current expenses pending the canvass for further endowment, and that it welcomes President Rammelkamp as the special representative of the College Board within the bounds of Synod.

3. That the following, elected by the Board of Trustees of Blackburn College, be approved: Mr. E. P. Bronson, of Chester; Mr. A. H. Hoblitt, of Carlinville, and Rev. Dr. S. C. Black, of Clinton; and further, that Synod approve of the following as suitable to be members of the Board: Messrs. Max Penwell, of Pana; Judge S. S. Anderson, of Charleston; Rev. Ira W. Allen, Jr., of Paris; Rev. John A. Tracey, of Shelbyville, and Rev. J. A. Sankey, of Peoria, and Mr. Simons, of Virden.

4. That Synod awaits with much interest the completion of the movement inaugurated in four of its presbyteries, looking to the endowment of Blackburn College by contributions of $5,000 each under such a plan that $70,000 will be realized, and pending the completion of this presbyterial movement, it deems no further action on its part to be necessary.

5. That Synod hereby authorizes the Committee on Christian Education, upon satisfactory evidence that the $20,000 offered by Mr. Carnegie has been paid over, to endorse the application of Blackburn College to the College Board for an appropriation of $1,000 to apply on the current expenses of this academic year, provided this evidence can be supplied by April 1, 1908.

6. That Synod congratulates the Board of Directors of Union Academy on the completion of Benton Hall, and renews its indorsement of the plan

to provide an additional endowment of $25,000 outside the bound of Cairo and Ewing Presbyteries; and recommends to the Sabbath schools of our churches that an offering be taken at the earliest opportunity for the purpose of raising the $1,000 needed for the work of the academy.

7. That the churches of Synod be advised of the marked difference between our contributions to the Board of Education and the appropriations of the Board to the support of our candidates for the ministry, and that the churches be urged to increase their offerings by at least one-third, to the end that this difference may be removed, and that Synod's committee be authorized to communicate with the churches, either directly or through the presbyteries.

8. That, in presenting to their congregations the work of the College Board, pastors be requested to emphasize the institutions of our own Synod which are in connection with the Board as having a prior claim upon the liberality of our people, with the assurance that contributions designated for our own institutions will be so applied by the Board.

9. That the Board of Education be memorialized to provide for a visitation by Dr. Cochran, of the state universities, if consistent with his other duties, with a view to enabling it promptly to formulate its policy for the management of the religious work in state universities.

10. That pastors and church sessions be requested to advise the student pastor at the State University of students in attendance from their congregations; to present to their congregations the cause of education in such form as to include the university work, and to encourage such increase in these gifts as will justify them in designating a certain portion for the work at the state universities, to be disbursed by the Board in accordance with the plans of Synod's committee; and further, to bring into communication with Synod's committee individual givers in their congregations who may realize the new demands created by this work.

All of which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the committee.

W. S. Plumer Bryan, *Chairman.*

On motion, the Temporary Clerk cast the ballot of the Synod in the re-election of Rev. G. J. E. Richards and Rev. C. H. Johnson as Stated and Permanent Clerks, respectively.

Synod then took recess until 2 o'clock.

Thursday Afternoon, 2 o'Clock.

Synod met at 2 o'clock, and was opened with prayer and a hymn.

Mr. Andrew Stevenson read the report of the Special Committee on Presbyterian Brotherhood, which was adopted, and is as follows:

Moderator and Brethren: Your Special Committee on the Presbyterian Brotherhood Work would report: The matter under our consideration is second in importance to no other question demanding attention at your hands, being nothing less than the organization for service of the

Presbyterian men of Illinois. We submit that in her manhood Illinois has her greatest treasure. Her fame has been heralded forth as first in the growth of hogs, and in the mining of soft coal. We would have her become more famous because of the activity and leadership of her Presbyterian manhood. Therefore, we recommend:

1. That you appoint a special committee of seven, a majority of whom shall be laymen, to report to your body at its next annual meeting, plans for the further and better development of the Presbyterian Brotherhood in the Synod of Illinois.

2. That this committee arrange, without expense to the Synod, for the holding of a Synodical Brotherhood convention at such time and place as may be most convenient.

3. That this committee be instructed to secure the appointment of, and to co-operate with, the presbyterial committees on the Brotherhood, "for the purpose of fostering, in whatever ways may be expedient, organized work for men," in all our churches.

4. That this committee be instructed to stimulate interest in, and attendance upon the Brotherhood convention to be held at Cincinnati, November 12-14.

ANDREW STEVENSON,
C. E. FISK,
G. H. TURNER.

On motion, the report of the Committee on Expenses of Committees was recommitted for further consideration.

Rev. E. L. Lord presented the following report for the Committee on Amendment of Standing Rules, which was adopted:

That Rule No. 9 be amended as follows: In the fourth line from the end of the rule, the word "eleven" shall read "twelve," and in the last two lines of the same rule it shall read, "there may be appointed on the Education Committee additional members not exceeding four."

Rev. E. L. Lord presented the report of the Committee on Nominations of Permanent Committees, which was adopted, and is as follows:

I. COMMITTEE ON SPIRITUAL LIFE OF THE CHURCH.

W. C. COVERT, Chairman.

E. M. PAGE.	B. L. BRITTIN.	S. S. CRYOR.
C. F. ZEIGLE.	J. A. TRACY.	J. F. YOUNG.
D. BREEZE.	J. D. MCCAUGHTRY.	C. E. HAYES.
E. B. SURFACE.	W. I. ALEXANDER.	

II. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

W. S. P. BRYAN, Chairman.

A. G. LANE.	H. P. MERRIMAN.	S. M. CAMPBELL.
H. J. BARTON.	G. A. WILSON.	H. B. ALLEN.
E. W. CLIPPINGER.	R. M. CRISSMAN.	E. V. HAYDEN.
J. R. E. CRAIGHEAD.	O. H. CARMICHAEL.	C. M. BROWN.
W. E. DONALDSON.	HENRY HEPBURN.	J. M. MCDONALD.

III. YOUTH OF THE CHURCH.

A. M. Little, Chairman.

J. R. Sager.	C. H. Miller.	C. G. Richards.
S. W. Findley.	C. C. Miller.	J. M. Thompson.
F. E. Birkett.	G. H. Turner.	Robert Carson.
J. A. Gallaher.	C. J. Wilson.	

IV. GENERAL CHURCH WORK.

W. E. Archibald, Chairman.

M. C. Long.	H. L. Moore.	W. C. Crofts.
A. S. Buchanan.	E. P. Rankin.	W. A. Hutchison.
G. L. Robinson.	J. S. Martin.	J. W. Elder.
H. C. Bird.	George Silvius.	

The motion prevailed that the Moderator be the Chairman of the Committee on Expenses of Committees, and be authorized to call that committee together.

The report of the Committee on Finance and Treasurers' Accounts was submitted, and adopted, as follows:

Your committee appointed to audit the accounts of the treasurers of the Synod of Illinois and Illinois A, respectfully submit the following report: We have carefully gone over said accounts and find them correct. We also find proper vouchers and receipts for amounts paid out.

Respectfully,

J. K. McDavid,
W. L. Candor,
Chas. T. Yeomans.

The reports of the treasurers were approved, and are as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer of the Synod of Illinois respectfully presents the following report on the Contingent Fund from October, 1906, to October, 1907:

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$ 766 39
Interest on deposits	13 50
Women's Home Mission Society, for programs	1 00
Women's Foreign Missionary Society, for programs	1 00
Maps	30
Union Academy	1 50
Rev. A. G. Bergen, reports of Joint Committee	5 65
Treasurers of Presbyteries—	
Alton	56 13
Bloomington	84 05
Cairo	40 05
Chicago	260 71

Freeport	50 12
Mattoon	45 97
Ottawa	34 04
Peoria	62 79
Rock River	53 60
Schuyler	61 04
Springfield	58 72
Total received	$1,596 56

DISBURSEMENTS.

Maps of Synod	$ 75
Janitor	5 00
Foreign Mission campaign	11 62
Printing 1,250 Minutes	177 40
Postage on 979 Minutes	38 93
Mailing 979 Minutes	2 50
Telegram	25
Photo engraving (map)	7 50
Reports of Joint Committee	13 50
Board of Joint Committee	12 00
Reports on Home Missions	10 00
1,000 large clasp envelopes	10 00
Binding two volumes Minutes	1 50
Express	6 90
Stationery	10 77
Salary of Permanent Clerk	75 00
Salary of Stated Clerk	250 00
Programs	5 00
Total disbursements	$ 638 62
Balance in Treasury	957 94
Total	$1,596 56

MILEAGE REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1906-1907.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$ 942 95
Women's certificates	10 00
Passenger Association	11 00
Mileage returned	1 50
Received from Presbyteries—	
Alton	56 13
Bloomington	84 05
Cairo	40 05
Chicago	260 71

Freeport	50 12
Mattoon	45 97
Ottawa	34 04
Peoria	62 79
Rock River	53 60
Schuyler	61 04
Springfield	58 72
Total received	$1,772 67

DISBURSEMENTS.

Alton Presbytery, eleven delegates	$ 21 60
Bloomington Presbytery, sixteen delegates	96 97
Cairo Presbytery, eight delegates	31 21
Chicago Presbytery, forty-seven delegates	384 10
Freeport Presbytery, eleven delegates	125 87
Mattoon Presbytery, ten delegates	42 31
Ottawa Presbytery, six delegates	51 91
Peoria Presbytery, twelve delegates	77 06
Rock River Presbytery, ten delegates	83 22
Schuyler Presbytery, twelve delegates	63 28
Springfield Presbytery, eight delegates	30 81
Chairmen, three	17 20
Clerk	5 60
Speaker	26 00
Joint Agent	25 25
Special delegates to Women's meeting	5 85
Delegates to Synod of Illinois (A)	12 85
Committee on Union and Adjustment	21 65
Committee on Expenses of Committee	3 75
Committee on Arrangements	13 72
Total mileage expenses	$1,140 21
Balance in Treasury	632 46
Total	$1,772 67

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. J. E. RICHARDS, *Treasurer.*

TREASURER SYNOD ILLINOIS (A).

RECEIPTS.

1907.

March 12, by dues, Mt. Vernon Presbytery	$ 20 75
April 11, by dues, Foster Presbytery	60 00
April 26, by dues, Chicago Presbytery	5 50
June 27, by dues, Vandalia Presbytery	11 75
July 9, by dues, Lincoln Presbytery	14 50

July 17, by dues, Sangamon Presbytery	18 50
August 15, by dues, Mt. Vernon Presbytery	15 00
August 18, by dues, Ewing Presbytery	32 25
October 15, by dues, Decatur Presbytery	20 00
Balance 1906	149 65
Total	$347 90

A. G. BERGEN,
Treasurer of Illinois Synod (A.)

DISBURSEMENTS.

1906.	
October 8, to John Balcom Shaw, Ex	$ 6 00
October 17, to C. E. Hayes (C. P. Headquarters Building)	12 25
November 8, to Perrin-Smith Printing Company, programs	10 00
1907.	
January 22, to printing and mailing Minutes	60 00
March 12, to balance on printing and distributing Minutes	31 10
April 2, to Geo. J. E. Richards (Joint Report)	5 65
April 26, to A. H. Stephens, Executive Board Visitor	5 50
May 7, to G. W. Williams, Executive Committee	7 76
May 10, to E. B. Surface, Executive Committee	6 76
May 16, to T. H. Perrin, Executive Committee	8 00
August 22, to C. E. Hayes (C. P. Headquarters)	5 00
July 15, to D. E. Bushnell, Executive Board Visitor	6 50
October 15, to A. G. Bergen, Executive Committee, East St. Louis	9 49
October 15, to A. G. Bergen, Executive Committee, Decatur	4 42
October 15, to A. G. Bergen, Executive Committee, Clinton	5 00
October 15, to salary Stated Clerk	40 00
October 15, to printing and postage (miscellaneous)	9 50
October 15, to A. R. Taylor	7 25
Total	$240 13
Balance on hand October 16	107 77
Total	$347 90

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was read by Rev. W. R. King, the resolutions 1 and 2 were considered seriatim, and adopted. Resolution 3, relative to the decease of Rev. Thomas A. Spillman, was adopted by a rising vote, while Rev. W. S. Marquis led in prayer.

The report as a whole was adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee rejoices to record its convictions that the cause of Christ in non-Christian lands never had brighter prospects than to-day. Whether

we consider the victories on the foreign field, or the quickened interest on the home field, we are encouraged.

Think of the 145,115 souls enrolled last year, of whom 11,106 were in our own church; think of the pentecostal revivals in Korea, Africa, Egypt and Burmah; think of the organization of a native Japanese Bible society, and of that International Christian Students' Conference at Tokyo last April; think of the May Conference in China for the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of missions in China, and the recent decree of the Empress Dowager calling for the organization of the government on the basis of a constitutional monarchy; think of all these and many more signs of progress, and who that loves Christ does not rejoice?

Then think of the signs of increasing interest at home: The closing of the Board's year without current debt; the revenue of $16,000 for Missions from the Presbyterian Building in New York; the perfecting of organization under four Field Secretaries, David McConaughy in the Eastern District, Dr. Bradt in the Central, J. M. Patterson in the Southern, and Rev. Dwight E. Potter in the Western. And to these we must add Rev. Geo. H. Trull to develop mission interest in the Sabbath schools. This is the Home-Field organization for which some of us have labored and prayed so long.

Think also how significant of deeper interest that wonderful Laymen's Foreign Missionary Movement, and that great Convention of 1,074 men at Omaha, Nebraska, last February. Surely all these signs prove that God's spirit is moving the heart of the church, preparing and leading her to larger things!

The Work of the Synod of Illinois.—The table of statistics herewith presented shows that the Synod of Illinois has had an honorable part in this work the past year.

(For statistical table see page 54.)

The Board's report shows that we gave it $82,027. Assembly Minutes' report, $83,821.

Of that which went directly to the Board the congregations gave $37,596, a gain of $66; Sunday schools gave $3,490, a gain of $189; Young People's Societies gave $6,617, a gain of $57; Women's Societies gave $34,332, a gain of $7,225.

This was a net gain over last year of $7,415. And let us hasten to give honor to whom honor is due—the women and the children. We men and the multitude in the congregation barely held our own, but the women and children pushed forward, and stand beckoning to us to come up to them. The average per member was 99 cents. The number of churches giving nothing, 82; 70 gave only through the Women's societies, and 6 only through the Sunday schools. It may be interesting to compare our giving as a Synod with some other Synods: In Indiana the average was 53 cents; in Iowa, 62 cents; in Ohio, 60 cents; in Pennsylvania, $1.07; in New York, $1.36; while New Jersey leads with $1.37. For the church at large the average was 83 cents. Not a large sum for a church which

STATISTICS OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.

YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1907.

PRESBYTERY.	Number of Churches	Number of Communicants	Churches Reporting no Offering	Amount Contributed to the Board by								Reported in Assembly Minutes.
				Churches	Sunday Schools.	Young People's Societie	Women's Societies.	Total	Gain	Loss.	Average per Member.	
Alton	52	5795	13	$ 1718	$ 134	$ 80	$ 780	$ 2712	$ 231	$.....	$ .47	2722
Bloomington	55	8504	10	4691	291	869	3495	9346	.....	782	1.10	9232
Cairo	39	4180	12	564	58	212	416	1250	.....	194	.30	1247
Chicago	93	28053	11	17962	1968	2735	19878	42543	8830	.....	1.55	43839
Freeport	29	5129	2	2086	120	376	1400	3982	.....	393	.78	3850
Mattoon	34	4812	6	783	40	123	1136	2082	.....	103	.43	2069
Ottawa	22	3529	6	486	129	87	901	1603	169	.....	.45	1617
Peoria	37	6167	5	2751	191	446	1688	5076	.....	277	.83	5173
Rock River	36	5600	4	3044	101	373	986	4504	13	.....	.80	4923
Schuyler (Rushville)	41	6120	7	1997	205	654	1253	4109	.....	6	.67	4144
Springfield	31	5932	6	1514	253	663	2399	4829	.....	73	.81	4893
Total 1907	469	83821	82	$37596	$3490	$6617	$34332	$82027	$9243	$ 1828	$ .98	$83709
Total 1906	471	80943	51	$37530	$3301	$6674	$27107	$74612	$7055	$14203	$ .92	$81720
Gain	.....	2878	31	$ 66	$ 189	.....	$ 7225	$ 7415	$2488	.....	$ .06	$ 1989
Loss	2	.....	...	.....	.....	$ 57	.....	.....	.....	$12375	.....	$.....
Synod "A"	198	12878	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	$ 2223	.....	.....	.....	$ 2223
Total, United Synods	667	96699	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	$84250	.....	.....	$ .87	$85932

spent $14.24 per capita upon herself in the home land. Who dare defend such a division of the money we give for the support and promotion of Christ's kingdom?

One thing which we mention with great pleasure is a new step in missionary education, which is just being inaugurated in Illinois College. The Rev. George Lenington, of Virginia, Ill., Chairman of Foreign Mission Committee in Springfield Presbytery, has, with the cordial consent of President Rammelkamp, begun a course of missionary instruction in the college. He will visit the college on Mondays and conduct this class for such students as choose to attend. This he does wholly without remuneration, and at his own charges. This is certainly the very wisest kind of missionary work—work that should be done in all our institutions all over the land—and we rejoice that it has been inaugurated in our Synod.

Synod (A), whose work is gathered up in our Minutes for the first time, is credited with offerings to the amount of $2,223. With the more settled conditions which are at hand for their congregations there is no doubt this sum will be largely increased. Add this amount to the sum reported in Assembly Minutes, and it brings the total offerings of the united church up to $85,932.

The Board of Foreign Missions, after careful investigations of the foreign field, extending over more than a year, has set before our church what it considers her "Distinct Responsibility" to the non-Christian lands. *It is the evangelization of at least* 100,000,000 *souls in this generation.* They are gathered about our stations, and left to us. If we do not do it in this generation, nobody will, and they will die unevangelized. It is a tremendous responsibility, and the Board estimates that to meet it we should send out not 1,000, but 4,000 missionaries; and give not $1,400,000, but $6,000,000 annually, which means about $5.00 per capita. Some resent the rolling of such a responsibility upon the church, and the suggestion of such an offering.

Brethren, it is not the Board, but God, who has rolled it upon us by the successes he has given us in missions and the rich blessings he has given us at home. It is the inevitable responsibility of opportunity and power. It rests upon us whether we accept it or not. The Omaha Convention of 1,074 men, with heads bowed in prayer, accepted it. The General Assembly at Columbus accepted it as the "ideal standard toward which the church must strive as rapidly as possible." Shall not we also accept it? It means that this Synod of 96,669 members is responsible for evangelizing 9,666,900 non-Christian souls; that she should send out 322 missionaries, and give $483,493 annually for this cause. It is a high ideal, but ideals are worthless unless they are high.

Therefore, your Committee brings the following recommendations:

1. That we subscribe to the Omaha Standard as the ideal toward which we will steadfastly labor.

2. That we commend the following *measures for reaching this standard:*

(1) That Pastors and Sessions first adopt, and then give their congre-

gations opportunity to adopt, this Missionary Platform, "This whole Church is a Missionary Society to Give the Whole Gospel to the Whole World."

(2) That every church, large and small, pledge itself to the Board for a definite sum, representing a portion of the work in some Mission Station.

(3) That this sum be raised on the Subscription Plan.

(4) That the Synodical and Presbyterial Committee be instructed to inaugurate a Laymen's Missionary Movement in harmony with the International Laymen's Movement.

(5) That we call upon Pastors and Christians Parents to present the claims of Mission service to the young people.

(6) That while keeping the Omaha Standard of $5.00 per member before our eyes as the ideal, we will set $1.25 per member as a minimum, or $120,000 for the Synod as the *first step,* which we will this year try to *take toward that ideal.* .

And since God in his loving wisdom has seen fit to call the Rev. Thomas E. Spilman, for many years a member of this Committee, to rest and reward, we present the following minute and recommend its adoption:

3. It is with sorrow and a deep sense of loss that the Synod and this Committee learn of the death of the Rev. Thomas E. Spilman, the beloved Pastor of the Church at Du Quoin, and the Chairman for more than a decade of the Committee on Foreign Missions in Cairo Presbytery. We rejoice to bear testimony to his loyalty to Christ and his church through a long ministry; to his loving fellowship as a pastor and co-presbyter; and to his faithfulness and efficiency as Chairman of the Foreign Mission Committee. We pray the Good Shepherd to comfort and guide the flock he has left; and the Father of all Comfort to give the consolation and strength of his grace to his bereaved family.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. S. Marquis, *Chairman.*

The Rev. A. H. Stephens read the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions of Synod (A). It was adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS—ILLINOIS SYNOD (A).

Your Committee would report that early in the history of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church she heard the Macedonian cry from the lands across the sea, and as best she could has ever tried to answer that call.

A very large work in Foreign Missions has been done when the resources of the church are considered.

In the aggregate of missionary endeavor our own Synod has always borne an honored and leading part.

A number of missionaries have gone from our Synod to the foreign field, who have been and are, supported wholly or in part by the congregations of the Synod.

In some instances single individuals are supporting missionaries in Japan.

The Woman's Missionary Societies of the State have been especially active in all the history of the Woman's Board.

While there has been slight disturbance over union in some of our churches, there was a marked increase last year in the offerings to Foreign Missions, and the Woman's Societies of the Synod, aside from the Silver Anniversary offering of the preceding year, have also increased in offerings to this cause.

Your Committee would suggest that while these increases indicate quickened interest in the churches, yet the full strength of our people has by no means been realized.

The Rev. A. D. Hail, D.D., wife and daughter, of Japan, are now on a furlough in the homeland, and will spend the winter in Chicago in special studies. Dr. and Mrs. Hail have been thirty years in the foreign field under the former Cumberland Board.

These workers are available for missionary addresses, and may be made very useful to the churches, even during their period of rest.

Your Committee would, therefore, recommend to all former Cumberland Presbyterians, most prayerful and cordial support of the Board of Foreign Missions of the re-united church.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. STEPHENS, *Committee.*

Rev. W. E. Archibald presented the report of the Committee on General Church Work. Pending action, the following were introduced to speak or report on interests named: Mr. L. D. Beck, on Temperance; Rev. D. E. Bushnell, a report on the Publication Work of Synod (A); Rev. E. R. Worrell, on the work of the Committee on Temperance of the General Assembly; Rev. J. M. Johnson, on Old Salem Chautauqua; Rev. G. W. Williams, on Ministerial Relief.

The resolutions of the Committee on General Church Work were considered seriatim and were adopted, together with the following reports and papers:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GENERAL CHURCH WORK.

Your Committee on General Church Work respectfully submits the following report:

THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

1. We call the attention of the Synod to the great work done by the American Bible Society at home and abroad; to the ever increasing demands made upon this society by our missionaries for Bibles, which are being read in whole or in part in about 500 tongues; and to this other fact that this Society has no money-making department for its support.

We recommend the American Bible Society to the confidence and the financial support of our people.

THE AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY.

2. We call the attention of the Synod to the claims of the American Tract Society, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

"In view of the increased demands on the resources of the American Tract Society for donations of books and tracts in the home field and in foreign lands; also in view of the increased call for more workers among the foreign speaking population in this country, we do most heartily commend this society to our churches for their financial support."

SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

3. We call the attention of the Synod to the work of Systematic Beneficence in the following recommendations:

(1) That all our ministers be required to preach on the duty and the privilege of proportionate and systematic giving.

(2) That an effort be made in all our churches to get our people to make two distinct pledges every year—viz., a pledge for the support of the local church, and a pledge for the support of all the boards.

(3) We approve the General Assembly's ruling that it is the duty of every member of the church, present or absent, to contribute according to his means to support the church where he holds his membership.

CHURCH ERECTION.

4. We call the attention of the Synod to the efforts of the Board of Church Erection to secure cheap temporary chapels, built on the knock-down plan, which can be moved from place to place. This is a long-felt need in many parts of our great Synod.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

5. We call the attention of the Synod to Sabbath Observance, and the following resolutions, which were adopted at the last General Assembly, which we recommend for adoption:

(1) We disapprove of all secular uses of the Sabbath Day, all games and sports, all traveling for pleasure, and all excursions, and we urge upon all employers of labor to recognize the need of the laboring man for his weekly rest day.

(2) We disapprove of the Sunday newspaper, and urge the members of our church to refuse to subscribe for it, or read it, or advertise in it.

(3) We heartily endorse the plan of the Saturday half-holiday as a help to the better observance of the Sabbath.

(4) We earnestly recommend that each minister of our Synod preach a sermon in the month of April, next, or some more convenient time, on the subject of "The Sabbath," at which time an offering might be taken for the work of the American Sabbath Union.

BOARD OF MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

6. We call the attention of the Synod to the claims of the Board of Ministerial Relief in the following recommendations:

(1) That our Presbyterial Committees endeavor to have a Ruling Elder

appointed in each church to present this cause to the people.

(2) That our Presbyterial Committees endeavor to carry out the apportionment scheme submitted by the General Assembly through the Presbyteries to the churches.

TEMPERANCE REFORM.

7. We call the attention of our Synod to the Temperance Reform, and offer the following resolutions:

(1) We approve of the recommendation of the General Assembly "that the last Sabbath in October be set apart as temperance day in our churches, Sabbath schools and Young People's societies, and that as far as possible offerings be made on that day for this department of the Assembly's work."

(2) We join with the General Assembly in requesting "the Executive Committee of the Evangelical Alliance to make 'Temperance Reform' the subject for prayer and consideration on one evening of the 'Week of Prayer.'"

(3) We approve of all temperance organizations of whatever name, "and bid them Godspeed in their labors of love;" but our special commendations are given to the work of our own Temperance Committee and to the Anti-Saloon League of our own state.

8. We recommend that the members of this Board whose terms expire in this Anti-Saloon League be reappointed.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Elder Archibald, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE—ILLINOIS SYNOD (A).

Fathers and Brethren: The following statements correctly set forth the historic position of the former Cumberland Presbyterian Church on the subject of "Temperance:"

The Rev. Samuel King, one of the three organizers of that church, refused to ask a blessing at a public dinner because the table had whisky on it. "In the Minutes of Elk Presbytery for April, 1816, are resolutions, pledging all the members to total abstinence, and binding them to enforce this rule to the utmost among their people." When the Cumberland Presbyterian Church had but three presbyteries, and drinking whisky was as common as drinking coffee is now, each of these presbyteries declared it to be an offense worthy of discipline to make, sell, give away, or drink intoxicating liquors." (See McDonald's History of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, pages 604 and 605.) In her last separate General Assembly, 1906, this church said: "To license the liquor traffic is sin." Thus during the ninety-seven years of her history, no voice was clearer, no life more consistent, no influence more direct and determinative than hers.

Hence, her members feel at home in a denomination which was the

first to have a Permanent Committee on Temperance; the first to recommend a World's Temperance Sunday; the first to organize temperance societies in the churches, Sunday schools, Young People's societies and Missionary Societies, and the first to employ field secretaries of temperance.

Hence, it is certain that we voice the sentiment of our entire communion when we express a deep and solemn joy in the many notes of progress, mighty notes which seem to portend the uprising of a great people to do a noble deed.

So rapid is the march of events in this great reform that the list of recent achievements, set forth in the report to the last General Assembly, is even now almost ancient history; for since that time Georgia and Oklahoma have joined the column of prohibition states, and Missouri has yielded one-half her counties to the rule of the same policy.

However, such victories should create no surprise. The wonder is that they are not universal and immediate, for the liquor traffic is the greatest enemy of the nation, creating a whirlpool which engulfs, during every decade, property enough to constitute an empire and men enough to populate it.

L. D. Beck
J. J. Wilson.
Committee.

REPORT ON PUBLICATION, SYNOD (A).

The Committee appointed by the Moderator of the Synod of Illinois, (A), to report to your reverend body on the subject of "Publication," beg to report:

The Synod of Illinois has been concerned in the cause of Christian literature from its organization, through the denominational publishing house, at Nashville, Tenn. This publishing house has supplied the literary helps and needs of a working denomination, and the Synod has heartily co-operated with the Board of Publication in distributing this literature, as in other forms of patronage.

Within the past few years the Cumberland Presbyterian Publishing House has, in addition to the publication of the "Cumberland Presbyterian," the official church newspaper, and the manufacture of denominational and miscellaneous books and the Sabbath school helps, also produced a considerable amount of job work under contract, thus enabling the Board to make large reduction on the indebtedness of the plant. The finances of the house are in a most gratifying state, and the future of the plant could hardly be more promising.

It is the understanding of your Committee that a considerable part of the work of manufacturing the Sabbath school literature of the reunited church is now done by the Nashville house. All of the publications of our Board of Publication at Philadelphia are on sale at the C. P. Publishing House, at Philadelphia prices, which is a very great convenience to our people in the South and Southwest.

The Synod (A) has been directly connected with only one publishing

enterprise, the "Church Extension Herald," the organ of the Synod's Church Extension Association, issued monthly. In the adjustments incident to union and reunion this paper becomes the heritage of the Synod of Illinois. It will be the province of the Synod to say whether, under any circumstances, the "Herald" shall be continued.

Your Committee deem it but just to commend the weekly papers published in the interest of our great Presbyterian Church, as well as the superb Sunday school publications of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

D. E Bushnell, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIEF—SYNOD (A).

Your Committee takes special pleasure in calling attention to the harmonious and satisfactory relations existing between the two Boards of Ministerial Relief. Their co-operation is so cordial that the names of the beneficiaries of the Board at Evansville, formerly Cumberland Presbyterian, have been transferred to the roll of beneficiaries of the Board at Philadelphia so quietly that the beneficiary has noted no change except that his check comes from Philadelphia instead of Evansville, and that the amount of aid received has perhaps increased. We regret the fact that the contributions by the churches of the Synod during the past year have fallen below those of recent former years, being, in fact, something less than the amount received by our beneficiaries during the same period. This, however, should not be taken as an indication that our people are not as much interested in this worthy cause as they have been in former years; but is doubtless a result of the disturbances in some parts of the Synod which have been unfortunately developed during the process of uniting the churches.

Now, since the details of this happy union have all been completed, and the work of adjusting ourselves to the new relations is progressing so delightfully, your committee feels assured that former Cumberland Presbyterians will give this worthy cause its rightful recognition in their prayers and in their offerings. Offerings for ministerial relief are certainly charities of the most unselfish character, but we do not base an appeal to the church upon this fact. It is a debt—a part of an unwritten contract entered into between the church and these beneficiaries when they entered the ministry—they give their labor, their best thought and energy, and their lives to the cause of God and religion, and should receive therefor a comfortable living for themselves and for those having claims upon them for life. Respectfully submitted,

G. W. Williams, *Chairman.*
L. D. Lasswell.

Rev. A. M. Little presented the report of the Committee on the Youth of the Church.

S. P. Taylor read the report on Sabbath schools of the Synod of Illinois (A), which was adopted.

Rev. W. L. Gelston, Superintendent of Young People's Work, addressed Synod.

The report of the Committee on Youth of the Church was then adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE YOUTH OF THE CHURCH, OCTOBER, 1907.

The report of the Committee, "On the Youth of the Church" is made under new auspices this year; and we desire to call to your attention the action of the General Assembly, assigning the supervision of the Young People's Work to the Board of Publication and Sunday School Work, creating in this Board a new department and securing as Superintendent the Rev. Willis L. Gelston, whom we are glad to have with us to-day. We welcome this new effort on behalf of our young people, and confidently expect a strong forward movement, with increased efficiency, as the result of a carefully planned campaign. It will be but a few years before the children in our Sunday schools and the youth in our Young People's societies will form the main body of the future church, and no pains to insure that they may grow to be as strong and loyal Christians as their fathers were should be deemed too great.

The painful task of making bricks without straw is set the successive chairmen of the Committee "On the Youth of the Church" as they undertake, from year to year, to tabulate for Synod the statistics of the Young People's societies of the various presbyteries without the statistics. Even after most diligent and repeated effort it has been impossible to secure such returns from more than seven presbyteries out of twelve. This is in part due to changing Presbyterial committees, in part to the reorganization of our enlarged Presbyteries, and in part to a lack of system in filing and sending the reports. Your Committee suggests that the wording of the three blanks sent out by the Board to the chairmen of the Presbyterial Committees be changed to read: "One copy is to be sent, etc., etc. . . . A second copy is to be filed at that time with the Stated Clerk of your Presbytery, and the third is to be sent at the same time to the Chairman of the Synodical Committee 'On the Youth of the Church.'" At present the blank reads, "It is suggested that one blank be sent to Synod before October 1st," a suggestion which, even if carried out, would make it practically impossible to collect and consider the returns in time for a Synodical report.

Other changes might profitably be made. For instance, no comparison with the year preceding is contemplated in the blank except in the matter of contributions, and we have no means, therefore, of knowing whether the Synod has advanced or fallen behind in the number of societies, or in their membership, or in the number of conversions. Your Committee suggests that space should be left for such comparison, in order that we may intelligently intrepret and act upon the figures submitted.

Several individual churches have four or five societies of young people, with results correspondingly great. Beside the regular societies, there

are Mission Bands, Classes for Bible Study, Catechetical Classes, Young People's Alliances, and similar organizations, helping in the general work of the church. All this makes classification difficult; but in so far as it is a sign of vitality and activity and efficiency, it is infinitely to be preferred to mere routine uniformity. There is no branch of church work in which careful experiments, resulting in changed methods and new departures, may more justifiably be made than in work with the young; not only to maintain interest, but to increase the efficiency of the work, and to meet conditions which differ from presbytery to presbytery, and from church to church, and in every church from year to year. Bible study, local practical ministries, education in the current affairs of the church, education in its missionary and immigration problems, spiritual cultivation and systematic giving should all be urged in every society and by every presbytery.

The only presbyteries with over 1,300 members in the Young People's societies are Rock River and Chicago. The largest percentage of conversions is reported by Springfield, 7.3 per cent. of the membership; Peoria is second, with 6.8 per cent.; and Chicago third, with 6.1 per cent. By far the largest contribution to Home Missions is made by Springfield, which actually gave $67.49 more than our largest presbytery, which is from three to four times as large. The largest proportionate contribution to Foreign Missions was made by Peoria, with Freeport second. Chicago gave nearly $780 to this Board, Peoria $406, Freeport, Rock River and Springfield each over $300. Reporting the largest number of societies are Chicago, Ottawa and Peoria in the order named. The largest membership is found in Chicago, Rock River and Ottawa. The largest total contributions come from Chicago, Springfield and Ottawa. That of Chicago is by far the largest in amount, $7.069, being over $5,000 more than that of any other Presbytery and amounting to $1.73 per member, though Springfield slightly exceeds this in per capita contributions. Reporting gains in total contributions over last year are only Ottawa and Rock River, though, of course, with complete reports, the list might be extended. The figures which would represent comparative sacrifice and devotion, on the basis of the widow's mite, are not known by your Committee, and cannot even be conjectured, but are left for the Heavenly Father, "who seeth in secret," and "shall recompense."

Coming now to the reports of Sunday schools, it should be premised that in the case of five presbyteries the figures of the statistical report submitted by your committee are taken from the Minutes of the General Assembly of 1907. The remainder are from written reports to your Committee, and at times differ slightly from the corresponding figures in the Minutes.

The column headed, "Teachers and Scholars Added During the Year," is in much confusion. Some presbyteries have reported the net gain; others have reported the number of new names added, even though there has been a net loss in the membership. It is obvious that the figures would read very differently. For example, Rock River has added 740,

one-sixth of its whole number, and yet made a net gain of but three; and Schuyler reports 406 less than last year, though 308 have been added, showing the rapid change of membership. No attempt, therefore, has been made to add this column.

Alton comes to the Synod with a good report, having made a gain all along the line. The largest per capita contribution to the Board of Sunday School Work was given by Bloomington (13 cents), with Ottawa second (9 cents). Others deserving mention are Rock River and Peoria (nearly 9 cents). Chicago makes the large contribution of $5,636.36 to "Other Boards," nearly 19 cents per member, but is surpassed by Bloomington in proportionate giving (nearly 27 cents). Peoria leads in proportionate contributions "To the Support of the School," with 79 cents per member. Bloomington gives 75 cents and Chicago 69 cents, which with its large membership amounts to $20,801.39. In gifts to "Miscellaneous Benevolence" Chicago is by far the first, both absolutely and proportionately, giving $6,649.99. Bloomington reports an average attendance of 71 per cent., Cairo 67 per cent., Schuyler 65 per cent., Chicago 63 per cent.

It is evidently difficult to organize Teachers' Training Classes. The blank furnished by the Board leaves a space with five places of figures—i. e., wide enough to report 99,999, yet the largest membership in any Presbytery of our Synod is 286, and the total number of teachers in such classes in the whole Synod is 687. This phase of the work should be more earnestly pressed.

The most important work which any Sunday school can undertake is an aggressive effort to bring its scholars to accept Christ. The highest proportion of Sunday school membership received into church membership is one in sixteen, at Rock River; Alton follows with one in nineteen. Two presbyteries fall as low as one out of every forty so received. This may, perhaps, be accounted for by incomplete reports to Presbytery. Eight presbyteries report about one-fourth of their Sunday school as church members. The lowest proportion is one-sixth. Of course the presence or absence of a Home Department would affect these figures and prevent perfect comparison.

The problem of bridging the chasm between the Sunday school and the church of holding young men and young women in the Sunday school, of awakening their interest in the church, of bringing them into church attendance and into loyal and consecrated church membership is very old, but does not grow less perplexing with the years. The tone of modern life—moral and secular, rather than deeply religious; the declining sense of sin; the appalling non-observance of family worship, and the growing desecration of the Lord's Day accentuate the problem. From a home in which the Bible is rarely read, and a week spent in public schools, which in the very nature of the case cannot teach the Bible, and a Sunday upon which worldly amusements have perilously encroached and a church service which he has not been brought up to attend, and a Sunday school in which any previous study of the lesson is the rare exception, the growing boy or girl derives no affection for

the Church of Christ. His whole knowledge of what the church stands for comes to be largely indirect, and his idea of its creed is vague. In such circumstances his sense of his personal need of a Savior can hardly be deep or vital, and all the motives which otherwise would lead him to become a useful and earnest member of the Church of Christ are greatly weakened. All this should in some way be brought home to the consciences of Christian parents. The Home Department Work of the Sunday school should be vigorously pressed, in order that the members of our homes may be kept in touch with Bible study. Decision and Evangel Days in some schools meet with good results. In view of the fact that the teaching of the Catechism is so largely discontinued, every pastor should most seriously consider the feasibility and advisability of organizing one or more catechetical classes, at the Sunday school hour, or in connection with the Young People's Society, or at some other hour during the week, in which there should be some systematic and sustained study of the great truths of the church and of personal religion, and the opportunity be given for speaking frankly and directly with his young people upon these vital things, in the hope that a large part of those so meeting with him or with their teachers from week to week would at the end of the course desire to come into full membership with the church. Many pastors have found in this their most fruitful work with the young. One of the ministers of our Synod has written within the year a most helpful and suggestive article in the "Interior" upon this subject, suggesting the outline for the work of such a class, and would doubtless be glad to share his experience with any who are interested.

Your Committee notes with pleasure the suggestion of the Board of Publication and Sunday School Work at the last General Assembly, that the department of Young People's Work shall prepare study courses for the young people, and joins heartily with the board in raising the question whether "some brief and clear catechetical summary of doctrine might not be furnished that would be more widely used than the 'Shorter Catechism.'" We, too, believe this a consummation devoutly to be wished. It may be added that at the rooms of the board in Chicago the names of the many manuals which have been prepared may be obtained.

Let the motto of our schools this year be: "The Boy and Girl for Christ." It may be well again to call attention to the fact that the board is preparing helpful manuals for workers in the different departments of Sunday school work, and desires that pastors and Sunday school officers and teachers should look to the board for any help they need in promoting the efficiency of their schools.

The Synod of Illinois should call upon every Sunday school to observe Children's Day, and on that day to take an offering for some phase of the work of the board. In the church at large only one-half of the schools now do this. We must enlist the other half for the increasing needs and opportunities of Sunday school missionary work in connection with the board, which for twenty years has given us fifty-six new Presbyterian churches every year, 80 per cent. of the whole number,

gathering nearly one million children and young people into mission Sunday schools, and which last year visited 35,489 families of foreign speech, publishing papers and distributing Bible and tracts, gathering large numbers of Slavs, Italians and Hungarians (Magyars) into missions under the care of presbyterial committees.

ARTHUR M. LITTLE.

(For statistical table see papes 68 and 69.)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOL WORK, SYNOD (A).

To the Moderator and Members of Illinois Synod, Clinton, Ill.—October 15-17, 1907.—Dear Brethren:

No part of the work of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church has met with more remarkable success than that which pertains to Sabbath schools; and nowhere in the entire denomination has Sabbath school work been more successfully managed or more carefully planned; and nowhere have greater results prevailed than here in the Synod of Illinois.

For a number of years the schools of Illinois have given to the church annually a large number of converts, and the latest reports at hand bring the good news that this substantial increase in church membership is growing with each passing year. The past history reveals one long line of successive victories, and the status of the present is most encouraging indeed.

We believe that this continued prosperity of the schools of Illinois is due to the constant presence of a state superintendent. Our Synod has had two such workers, Rev. H. M. Steidley first, and Dr. C. E. Hayes, who is still serving in that capacity.

But possibly the influences which have contributed most directly toward the success of our schools is due to the fact that the Synod has, for thirty-one years, maintained a permanent organization, known as the Illinois State Sunday School Association.

We believe, too, that the annual State Sunday School Convention, under the supervision of the Church Extension Association in general, and Mr. Hayes and Mr. T. H. Perrin in particular, has been the very life of our schools, and we are glad to know that it is the opinion of the Joint Committee that this convention should be continued in the re-united church.

But time forbids our giving you a detailed report. Suffice it to say, that Illinois now has 196 schools, with an enrollment of about 17,000.

Practically all of these will co-operate in the re-united work and with our improved form of literature as now before us, and with the co-operation that is already so clearly manifest in the reunited church, we have great reason to rejoice, for our prospects of building up the kingdom by means of the Sabbath school are very bright indeed.

S. P. TAYLOR.
J. W. ELDER.
J. W. MCDONALD.

On motion, it was resolved that the cost of the bond of the Stated Clerk and Treasurer of Synod be defrayed by Synod.

Rev. T. D. Logan, for the Committee on Home Missions, offered certain amendments to the committee rules for action by Synod. After these amendments were considered and adopted, the report on Home Missions was adopted as a whole.

Rev. W. H. Penhallegon presented the report of the Committee on Union and Adjustment for final action. The recommendations were considered seriatim, and the report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON UNION AND ADJUSTMENT OF THE SYNOD OF ILLINOIS AND SYNOD OF ILLINOIS (A).

The duties of this Committee are stated in the action of the Synod of Illinois as found in its Minutes for 1906, page 460, as follows:

"That we may act in harmony with the plan of union found in the Minutes of the General Assembly for 1904, pages 135-139 which, in its third declaration, reads, 'The boundaries of the several presbyteries and synods shall be adjusted by the General Assembly of the united church;' and in accord with the advice of Dr. W. H. Roberts, S. C., of the General Assembly and chairman of the Committee on Co-operation and Union, and in harmony with the action taken by the Synod of Illinois (A), it is recommended that this Synod appoint a committee of seven members besides the moderator, who shall act as an advisory member, which shall jointly with a similar committee already appointed by the Synod of Illinois (A), be given full power to act upon the following matters, and such others as necessarily are involved therein, viz.:

"1. Prepare for submission to the General Assembly of 1907, (1) A plan for the adjustment of the boundaries of the presbyteries of both synods with a view to consolidation. (2) Arrangements as to the name, date and place of meeting of the consolidated synod in the fall of 1907.

"2. Appoint joint permanent committees on missions, education, Sunday school work, etc., to conduct our Christian work within the bounds of the two synods until the meeting of the united synod."

The committees appointed by the two synods were as follows: Revs. W. H. Penhallegon, W. S. Marquis, Geo. J. E. Richards, Thos. D. Logan, Hugh Jack and F. M. Carson, and Elders S. F. Wilson and A. H. Mills, of the Synod of Illinois; and Revs. A. G. Bergen, G. W. Williams, C. E. Hayes, D. E. Bushnell, E. B. Surface and J. M. Johnston, and Elders T. H. Perrin and A. R. Taylor, of the Synod of Illinois (A).

The Joint Committee met at the Royal Hotel, East St. Louis, October 17, 1906, and appointed Rev. W. H. Penhallegon, chairman, and Rev. G. W. Williams, secretary, and the following sub-committees:

On Co-operation—Elder T. H. Perrin, chairman; Elder A. R. Taylor and Revs. C. E. Hayes, T. D. Logan and Hugh Jack.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS, SYNOD OF ILLINOIS, 1907.

PRESBYTERIES.	No. of Schools.	No of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	Total No. Officers, Teachers and Scholars.	Total last year.	Teachers and Scholars added during year	Average Attendance.	Cradle Roll.	Home Department.	Members of School in Membership of Church.	No Members received in the Church during the year.	Teachers in Training Classes.	Catechisms taught.	Westmin. Helps used.	CONTRIBUTIONS. To Bd. of S. S. Work.	To other Boards.	To support of School	Miscellaneous.
Schuyler	41	507	4245	4752	5158	308	3074	314	392	1455	178	100	18	38	$ 370 00	$ 1074 00	.....	.....
Chicago	109	2817	27130	29947	29325	622	18873	2378	2190	5440	1273	286	27	89	1388 66	5636 36	$ 20801 39	$6649 99
Alton	55	762	5190	5952	.....	355	3528	553	398	1720	301	....	13	50	351 00	1041 00	2582 00	.....
Springfie d	57	500	4002	5100	2865	286	2481.7	298	519	1370	223	36	10	29	268 59	582 93	2843 85	161 99
Freeport		427	3046	3023	3959	82	2177 2	348	658	996	91	41	11	20	167 77	447 68	1981 46	258 66
Peoria	36	539	4590	5225	3509	254	2983.8	278	991	874	189	33	12	31	430 94	670 45	4019 21	488 08
Ottawa *	21	351	2839	3190	3025	230	1864	151	234	1105	114	36	7	21	316 00	854 00	2.90 00	220 00
Bloomington *	57	448	5653	6101	6954	506	4353	572	947	2571	339	...	14	41	818 00	1653 00	4590 00	918 00
Cairo *	42	571	4383	4804	4410	285	3221	246	309	867	156	53	16	33	302 00	370 00	2682 00	287 00
Ma toon *	35	501	584	4085	3823	98	2247	361	699	1023	100	25	13	33	204 00	387 00	1907 00	309 00
Rock River *	34	504	4095	4599	4596	740	2532	306	416	1311	283	77	12	32	404 00	494 00	3065 00	234 00
	467	7927	68757	77378	67624		47330	5800	7747	18672	3251	687	153	417	$5020 96	$12710 42	$46:61 91	$9526 72

* From Minutes of the General Assembly, 1907.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES, SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.

PRESBYTERIES.	SOCIETIES.						MEMBERSHIP.					CONVERSIONS.				CONTRIBUTIONS.											
																HOME MISSIONS.		FOREIGN MISSIONS.		OTHER BOARDS.		LOCAL CHURCH & SELFSUPPORT		OTHER BENEVOLENT OBJECTS.			TOTAL.	
	No. Churches.	In Senior Societies.	Intermediate.	Junior.	Other Societies.	Total.	In Senior.	Intermediate.	Junior.	Other Societies.	Total *	In Senior.	Intermediate.	Junior.	Total.	This year.	Gain or loss.	This year.	Gain or loss.	This year.	Gain or loss.	This year.	Gain or loss.	This year.	Gain or loss.	Unclassified Gain or loss	This year.	Gain or loss.
Ottawa	22	13	2	4	5	46	624	66	114	385	1123	13	2		15	$ 98 00	—56 00	$ 97 00	—55 00	$ 32 00	—18 00	$ 985 00	+ 328 00	$ 332 00	282 00	—391 00	$ 1544 00	+ 90
Alton	32	22	4	10		36	645	80	291		1016	43		17	60	99 00	—41 00	104 00	—43 00	19 00	—40 00	854 00	—77 00	64 00		—60 00	1140 00	—247
Springfield	18	18	1	9	5	33	759	18	276		1053	62		25	77	599 50		370 19		21 00		810 76		157 50	+ 14 00		1958 95	
Rushville	11																											
Peoria	34	29	1	6	7	43	671	20	169	108	1043	36	9	4	71	193 67	—55 83	406 11	—156 39	4 00		339 96		32 46			976 20	—212
Rock River	35	24	3	9		36	1007	79	254		1340	47	11	7	65	205 00	—50 00	362 00	—183 00	18 00	+ 8 00	746 00	+ 216 00	88 00	+ 13 00		1419 00	+ 4
Freeport	29	18	5	5		28	645	82	233		960	28	4	8	40	223 29	+ 20 02	330 53	+ 7 92	199 04	+100 04	633 50	—253 56	105 00	—20 79		1491 16	—146
Chicago	93	71	13	33		117	2261	359	1464		4084	182	39	31	252	532 01		779 80		173 85		4104 72		581 36		+ 897 38	7069 12	
	339	195	29	76	17	339	6612	704	2801	493	10619	401	63	94	580	$1950 47	—182 81	$2449 43	—429 47	$466 89	+ 50 04	$8473.94	+ 213 64	$1360 32	+ 288 21		$15598 43	—511

* These Totals are reported as given and do not tally with the sum of the separate items. They evidently include Honorary and Associate members.

‡ In other Societies, 22.

On Boundaries—Rev. Geo. J. E. Richards, chairman; and Revs. F. M. Carson, W. H. Penhallegon, A. G. Bergen and G. W. Williams.

On Place of Next Meeting of Synod—Rev. W. S. Marquis, chairman; and Rev. D. E. Bushnell and S. F. Wilson.

The Committee held its second meeting, according to adjournment, in the First Presbyterian Church of Decatur, Ill., on Tuesday evening, Feb. 5, 1907, heard reports from the several sub-committees, and unanimously took the following action:

1. It prepared the Enabling Act for this synod substantially as adopted by the General Assembly, and as read last evening.

2. It recommended for adoption by this synod:

(1) That the standing rules of the present Synod of Illinois adopted to-day be amended so that Rule No. 2 shall read: "The Synod, consisting of Commissioners chosen by the presbyteries according to the ratio of one minister and one elder for every fifteen ministers and churches combined on the roll of each presbytery, shall meet annually on the third Tuesday of October, at 7:30 p. m., and in the place designated at the previous annual meeting."

(2) That the Sunday School Association of the Synod of Illinois (A) be continued under the auspices of the united synod.

(3) That the relationship of the Synod of Illinois (A) to old Salem Chautauqua be continued in the consolidated synod.

(4) That the Home Missions Committee of the Synod of Illinois and the Church Extension Association of the Synod of Illinois (A) be constituted as the present committee of Illinois Synod is constituted with the same functions and duties as it now performs, and that the Sunday schools and Y. P. S. C. E. societies of the state be asked to assist in the support of its work.

3. Preliminary to the first meeting of the united synod the Joint Committee adopted the following:

(1) The committees of the Synods of Illinois and of Illinois (A) shall remain till Synod meets as at present constituted, and make separate reports at the next meeting of Synod.

(2) The Committee of Arrangements for the next meeting shall be constituted as follows:

The two moderators, the two stated clerks and the pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Clinton, Ill., with the stated clerk of the Synod of Illinois as chairman.

(3) The Committee of Arrangements shall prepare for the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the erection of the Synod of Illinois.

(4) Whereas, the Illinois Church Extension Association is an incorporated body and holds property, in order that the Home Mission Committee may receive and hold the same, it is necessary that it should be incorporated, and it is advised to take steps at once to that end.

(5) The stated clerks of the two synods were appointed a committee to confer with the women's missionary societies of the two synods with reference to the consolidation of their work.

(6) The stated clerks were also requested to send the following suggestion to the women's missionary societies:

"In view of the difficulty of entertaining an increasing body of delegates, if the Synod and ladies' home and foreign missionary societies continue to meet at the same time, we would respectfully suggest to the ladies to consider whether after the present year it may not be desirable for the ladies' synodical missionary societies to arrange their annual meeting at a date preceding the meeting of Synod and at another place."

(7) The stated clerks were requested to secure the publication of the proceedings of this committee for distribution among the churches and ministers of the Synod, and to send official copies to the stated clerks of the General Assembly and of the presbyteries of the two synods. They were also requested to prepare an outline map of the Synod, showing the presbyterial lines as just constituted as a part of the proceedings of the meetings.

Elder A. H. Mills was providentially prevented from being present at either meeting of the Joint Committee, and Revs. Hugh Jack, C. E Hayes, D. E. Bushnell and Elder A. R. Taylor from the meeting at Decatur. All other members were present at both meetings.

W. H. PENHALLEGON, *Chairman.*

On motion, the per capita assessment for Synodical expenses was made: for mileage, 1 1-4 cents, and for the contingent fund, 3-4 of a cent, making a total of 2 cents per member.

The Moderator announced the following Committee on Presbyterian Brotherhood: A. R. Taylor, W. A. Peterson, J. R. Hanna, Andrew Stevenson, C. H. Turner, F. W. Hawley, and S. C. Black.

S. C. Black reported for the Committee on Leave of Absence. It was approved, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Your Committee on Attendance and Absence reports that for various reasons, chiefly that of getting home more conveniently, the following commisioners have been given the privilege of leaving Synod before the conclusion of its sessions:

ALTON PRESBYTERY.

Thursday Afternoon.—Rev. A. G. Lane and J. J. Wilson; Elders W. T. Brown, H. C. Hawkins, A. E. Wilson and J. M. Baker.

BLOOMINGTON PRESBYTERY.

Wednesday Afternoon.—Rev. S. W. Findley.
Thursday Morning.—Rev. G. R. Smith.

Thursday Afternoon.—Revs. M. C. Long, A. F. Zeigle, E. F. Hoke; Elders T. C. McCaughey, W. T. Pankey, Frank Wilcox.

CAIRO PRESBYTERY.

Thursday Afternoon.—Rev. Chas. McClure, Elder T. A. Davis.

CHICAGO PRESBYTERY.

Wednesday Night.—Rev. W. C. Covert.

Thursday Morning.—Revs. F. H. Hayes and F. A. Hosmer.

Thursday Afternoon.—Revs. W. W. Johnston, W. S. P. Bryan, A. C. Manson, W. E. Donaldson, J. W. Nicely, M. B. Wiles, G. N. Luccock, M. B. McNutt, J. B. Howard, A. McCalla, C. L. Lucas, E. Beckwith, M. B. Thomas, J. B. Fleming; Elders A. Nash, O. R. Williamson, E. J. Viall, W. G. McEldowney, Jas. Shedden, E. C. Corkins, I. Moe, C. R. Gerber.

EWING PRESBYTERY.

Thursday Aftrnoon.—Rev. H. C. Bird.

FREEPORT PRESBYTERY.

Thursday Afternoon.—Revs. D. E. Williamson, S. M. Crissman, J. H. Rheingans, C. O. Shirey, H. Schmidt, Jr.; Elders J. Alberts, M. Lockwood.

MATTOON PRESBYTERY.

Wednesday Afternoon.—Rev. E. B. Landis.

Thursday Afternoon.—Revs. W. T. Angus, W. H. Wilson.

OTTAWA PRESBYTERY.

Thursday Afternoon.—Revs. E. Harris, D. K. Campbell.

PEORIA PRESBYTERY.

Thursday Afternoon.—Rev. J. G. Lowrie; Elders H. E. Robinson, J. V. Graff, B. H. Wear, C. H. Northrup, Lewis Rauch.

ROCK RIVER PRESBYTERY.

Thursday Afternoon.—Revs. R. E. Fleming, H. B. Allen, E. L. Lord; Elder W. L. Candor.

RUSHVILLE PRESBYTERY.

Thursday Afternoon.—Elder W. B. Riggs.

SPRINGFIELD PRESBYTERY.

Thursday Afternoon.—Revs W. N. Conoley, J. L. Wyatt, E. M. Dill, J. W. Elder, G. W. Williams; Elders H. B. Hemenway, R. E. Bone.

Your Committee would respectfully call the attention of the Synod to the fact that fully 25 per cent. of the commissioners to this session have asked to be released from further attendance by the middle of the Thursday afternoon meeting. Feeling that the interests of the synod have suffered by this early departure of so many commissioners, and with the hope of checking it in the future, we earnestly suggest a consideration

of the question whether commissioners rendering less than full service shall be allowed full mileage out of Synod's treasury.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL CHARLES BLACK.
A. LEONARD GOULD.
R. B. IRWIN.
ROBERT POGUE. *Committee.*

On motion, the Stated Clerk was instructed to inform the local church next entertaining Synod that Synod will not ask to be provided with midday meals, but that the commissioners will be expected to pay for same.

On motion, it was resolved that hereafter Commissioners to Synod be allowed mileage only on condition that they remain until the close of the business session of the last day of Synod, unless excused by vote on the floor of Synod.

The minutes were read and approved.

The report of the Committee on Resolution of Thanks was deferred until the evening session.

Synod took recess until 7.30 to-night.

THURSDAY EVENING, 7.30 O'CLOCK.

Synod met at 7.30 o'clock and engaged in a praise service, the Moderator presiding.

Mrs. S. O. Loughridge and Miss F. L. Clelland read the reports on Foreign Missions and Young People's Work.

Rev. W. J. Darby, representing the Board of Education, and Rev. W. S. Marquis, representing the Board of Foreign Missions, addressed Synod.

A resolution of thanks for the pleasant entertainment of Synod was adopted.

The roll was called and the following found present:

FINAL ROLL.

ALTON PRESBYTERY.

Ministers.—W. P. Baker, E. McC. Calvin.
Elders.—J. K. McDavid, Thos. Allen, S. G. Brown.

BLOOMINGTON PRESBYTERY.

Ministers.—H. G. Gleiser, G. A. Wilson, S. C. Black.
Elders.—E. S. Cunningham.

CAIRO PRESBYTERY.

Ministers.—T. M. Gossard.

CHICAGO PRESBYTERY.

Ministers.—C. H. Johnson, A. G. Bergen, C. N. Wilder, R. K. Ryan.
Elders.—A. L. Gould.

EWING PRESBYTERY.

Ministers.—L. D. Lasswell.
Elders.—S. C. Dayton.

FREEPORT PRESBYTERY.

Elders.—Geo. Northam, J. S. Reid.

MATTOON PRESBYTERY.

Ministers.—W. W. Wilson, E. C. Lucas, W. W. M. Barber, G. H. Turner.
Elders.—Albert Speer.

OTTAWA PRESBYTERY.

Ministers.—Geo. Dunlap.
Elders.—R. E. Phillips.

PEORIA PRESBYTERY.

Ministers.—A. R. Mathes, B. Thomas, A. O. Elliott, W. I. Alexander, I. A. Cornelison, A. M. Little, W. J. Manifold.
Elders.—J. E. Armstrong.

ROCK RIVER PRESBYTERY.

Ministers.—T. R. Johnson, C. F. Moore, C. S. West, C. E. Fisk.
Elders.—J. S. Hawk.

RUSHVILLE PRESBYTERY.

Ministers.—J. W. Pugh, E. B. Miner, E. V. Headen, J. F. Young, W. R. King.
Elders.—W. Glendening.

SPRINGFIELD PRESBYTERY.

Ministers.—W. H. Penhallegon, E. P. Rankin, J. W. McDonald.

The minutes were read and approved:

It was resolved that this Synod do now adjourn to meet on the Third Tuesday of October, 1908, at such place as shall be decided upon by the Moderator and the Stated and Permanent Clerks of this Synod, and they were empowered to complete the Committee on Arrangements. [NOTE.—A most cordial invitation having come from the Presbyterian Church of Monmouth, Illinois, to the Synod to hold its next annual meeting in that church, it is hereby announced that the meeting will be held in accordance with the above invitation, and the Rev. William R. King, D.D., pastor of the church, together with Elders J. R. Hanna and J. D. Diffenbaugh are appointed to serve on the Committee on Arrangements.]

Synod adjourned with prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.

C. HARMON JOHNSON, *Permanent Clerk.*

Attest:

GEO. J. E. RICHARDS, *Stated Clerk.*

Geo. J. E. Richards, Stated Clerk

APPENDIX

I.—STANDING RULES OR BY-LAWS OF THE SYNOD

1. The general rules for the judicatories recommended from time to time by the General Assembly, shall be the rules of the Synod.

2. The Synod, consisting of commissioners chosen by the presbyteries according to the ratio of one minister and one elder for every fifteen ministers and churches combined on the roll of each presbytery, shall meet annually on the third Tuesday of October, at 7.30 p.m., and in the place designated at the previous annual meeting. The members of this corporation shall consist, immediately after its complete organization under the laws of the State of Illinois, of said commissioners, who shall become members as so selected by the respective presbyteries from time to time, and continue such members during the current year for which selected by such presbyteries. At any meeting of the Synod, whether annual or special, any seven ministers, members of Synod with as many elders, also members, as shall be present, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, provided not more than three of said ministers belong to one presbytery.

Special meetings of Synod may be called by the Moderator upon the application of the Board of Trustees or of any other ten members, in writing, and ten days' notice of any such special meeting shall be given by the Stated Clerk by mail to the last known address of the members.

3. The officers of the Synod shall be a Moderator and two Temporary Clerks, who shall serve for one year; a Stated Clerk, who shall also be Treasurer, and a Permanent Clerk, who shall serve during the term of five years, or until their successors are elected. The salary of the Stated Clerk and Treasurer shall be $250 per year, and that of the Permanent Clerk $75 per year. The Moderator and Permanent Officers shall be chosen by ballot, but in case only one nomination is made, the election shall be viva voce.

4. A Committee of Arrangements shall be appointed annually, consisting of six members, among whom shall be the Stated and Permanent Clerks, the Moderator, and the pastor of the church in which the Synod meets, the Stated Clerk to be ex-officio chairman. This committee shall prepare the order of business for the Synod in consultation with the chairmen of the permanent and standing committees as hereinafter described, and shall also have charge of the railroad transportation of the members.

5. A list of the commissioners of each presbytery shall be forwarded

by its Stated Clerk to the Stated Clerk of the Synod at least one week previous to the annual meeting.

6. The annual meeting of the Synod shall be opened with a sermon by the Moderator, or, in case of his failure, by some one designated by the Committee of Arrangements.

7. At least one-half hour of each day of the sessions shall be given to devotional services.

8. The following standing committees shall be appointed annually, viz.:

On Bills and Overtures, seven members.

On Judicial Business, seven members.

On Minutes of General Assembly, five members.

On Finance and Treasurer's Accounts, three members.

On Attendance and Absence, five members.

On records of the presbyteries, one member to constitute a general committee to prepare and present the report, and eleven committees of three members each to examine the records of the presbyteries and to report on the same to the general committee.

9. The Permanent Committees of Synod shall be six in number.

1. *On the Spiritual Life of the Churches in the Bounds of the Synod.* It shall present the religious condition and needs of our churches, shall receive from the presbyteries ten days before the annual meeting a written report on the state of religion covering a synodical year, shall prepare the narrative for the General Assembly and present it for the consideration of Synod, and shall have charge of evangelistic and other movements looking to the quickening of the spiritual life, so far as these pertain to this Synod. The Communion of the Lord's Supper as observed by Synod may properly be held in connection with the consideration of this question.

2. *On Christian Education.* It shall take account of the religious condition of our youth in universities, colleges and schools, public and private; the maintenance of the church schools, colleges and seminaries in the bounds of Synod, including the regular visitation of these by the committees of Synod; the aid of colleges and academies under the care of the General Assembly. To this committee also is entrusted the question of the best method of presenting to the young men of our Synod the question of a call to the ministry and of promoting sound theological education within our bounds.

3. *On the Youth of the Church as Represented in Our Sabbath Schools and Young People's Organizations.* It shall devise measures to develop in our youth a clearer knowledge of the Word of God and of the active duties of the Christian life, not only in our own Sabbath schools, but in the needy places of the land as cared for by the Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work.

4. *On Home Missions.* In addition to our Synodical Home Missions, this committee shall have charge of the interests of our work among the Freedmen and among the foreign populations within our bounds, and of the duty of our Synod to the Home Mission work of the church at large.

5. *On Foreign Missions,* which shall see to it that the interests of this cause may be properly presented to Synod by addresses from time to time.

6. *On General Church Work.* In which is included systematic beneficence, ministerial relief, church erection, temperance reform, Sabbath observance and such other practical measures as are not hereinbefore provided for.

These committees, except that of Home Missions, which is governed by the General Rules adopted in 1902, and that of Foreign Missions, which is to consist of the chairmen of the presbyterial committees, shall consist of twelve members each, one from each presbytery, to be appointed by the Synod, and there may be appointed on the Education Committee additional members not exceeding four.

10. The Synod shall at its annual meeting in each year elect from its members five (5) trustees who shall hold office for one year and until their successors shall be elected and qualified; such trustees shall have the care, custody and control of the real and personal property of the corporation, subject to the direction of Synod.

The Moderator for the current year shall be one of such five trustees and ex-officio chairman, and the Stated Clerk shall be Treasurer and Secretary. Deeds and conveyances of property may be executed in the name of the Synod, signed by the Moderator and attested by the Secretary or Treasurer, who shall attach thereto the seal of the Synod; such deeds and conveyances to be made only upon order, either general or special, of Synod duly assembled. All the other activities of Synod, except those expressly devolved by Synod upon said trustees, shall be transacted by the Synod itself and its various committees, boards and agencies (as appointed by it) who shall require good and sufficient bonds, running to Synod, of all persons to whom the custody of funds is entrusted.

11. The duties of the officers of Synod shall be such as usually pertain to their respective officers.

12. The seal of the Synod shall be as follows: The emblem shall be an open Bible with these words on the left-hand page: "The Word of the Lord," and these on the right-hand page, "Endureth Forever," the whole surrounded with the words, "Synod of Illinois of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A." The exact design and ornamentation shall be chosen by the trustees.

13. The Moderator, who opens the annual meeting with a sermon, when not a commissioner, the chairmen of the permanent and special committees and the stated and permanent clerks of the Synod shall be ex-officio members thereof, with all the rights of members except that of voting.

14. To meet the contingent and mileage expenses of the Synod, an apportionment covering the amount needed shall be levied annually on the presbyteries according to the number of communicants in their churches at their last report, the amount to be apportioned and recommended by the Standing Committee on Finance.

It shall be the duty of the treasurers of the presbyteries to remit the amount thus required of them to the Treasurer of the Synod on or before the first of May of each year.

15. The Minutes of the annual meeting of the Synod shall be published in pamphlet form, under the direction of the Stated Clerk, as soon as practicable after the adjournment, and in sufficient number of copies to supply every minister and every church session in the Synod with one copy each, and also for distribution at the next annual meeting of the Synod.

16. The janitor of the church where the Synod meets shall be paid $5.00 for his services.

17. These Standing Rules may be modified or repealed, one day's notice being given, and also temporarily suspended by a two-thirds vote of the Synod at an annual meeting.

II.—SUCCESSION OF MODERATORS

Cumberland Branch, 1886-1906.

A.D.	Name.	Presbytery.	Place.
1886	A. J. McGlumphy, D.D.	Mackinaw	Salem
1887	W. W. M. Barber	Vandalia	Lincoln
1888	J. A. Chase	Mackinaw	Grayville
1889	W. T. Ferguson, D.D.	Albion	Bethany
1890	J. G. White, D.D.	Mackinaw	Lincoln
1891	P. R. Danley, D.D.	Sangamon	Salem
1892	T. H. Perrin (elder)	Vandalia	Petersburg
1893	R. M. Tinnon, D.D.	Mackinaw	Danville
1894	A. E. Turner (elder)	Mackinaw	Chicago
1895	W. C. Logan	Chicago	Sullivan
1896	C. W. Yates	Albion	Enfield
1897	A. H. Stephens, D.D.	Chicago	Mattoon
1898	L. J. Claggett	Rushville	Virginia
1899	C. E. Hayes, D.D.	Mackinaw	Table Grove
1900	J. L. Hudgins	Albion	Mt. Vernon
1901	J. W. Laughlin, D.D.	Chicago	Bethany
1902	J. F. Rogers	Sangamon	Lincoln
1903	D. E. Bushnell, D.D.	Vandalia	Decatur
1904	J. M. Johnston	Sangamon	Sullivan
1905	A. R. Taylor (elder)	Decatur	Irving
1906	T. H. Perrin (elder)	Vandalia	Danville

Synod of Illinois, 1882-1907.

1882	*Robt. W. Patterson, D.D.	Chicago	Springfield
1883	John W. Dinsmore, D.D.	Bloomington	Alton
1884	Ambrose C. Smith, D.D.	Freeport	Bloomington
1885	Benj. C. Swan, D.D.	Cairo	Centralia
1886	Edward C. Sickells, D.D.	Rock River	Mattoon

A.D.	Name.	Presbytery.	Place.
1887	*Amos H. Dean, D.D.	Schuyler	Oak Park
1888	Samuel M. Morton, D.D.	Springfield	Galesburg
1889	*John H. Worcester, D.D.	Chicago	Rochelle
1890	*Edwin L. Hurd, D.D.	Alton	DuQuoin
1891	Isaac A. Cornelison, D.D.	Peoria	Joliet
1892	Alex B. Morey, D.D.	Springfield	Jerseyville
1893	*James A. Piper, D.D.	Mattoon	Peoria
1894	Frank F. Stoltz, D.D.	Ottawa	Jacksonville
1895	Wm. A. Hunter, D.D.	Bloomington	Peoria
1896	Joseph H. Stevenson, D.D.	Cairo	Danville
1897	*James Lewis, D.D.	Chicago	Galesburg
1898	*David Clark	Freeport	Bloomington
1899	Jos. M. Ross	Schuyler	Joliét
1900	Thos. B. Greenlee, Ph.D.	Alton	Decatur
1901	Chas. N. Wilder, D. D.	Bloomington	Jacksonville
1902	Edwin L. Lord	Ottawa	Chicago
1903	Edgar L. Williams, D.D.	Peoria	Springfield
1904	Thos. D. Logan, D.D.	Springfield	Rock Island
1905	Wm. S. Marquis, D.D.	Rock River	Champaign
1906	S. F. Wilson (elder)	Mattoon	East St. Louis
1907	Abram G. Berger	Chicago	Clinton

III.—SUCCESSION OF CLERKS

Cumberland Branch 1886-1906.

A.D.	Stated Clerks.
1886	Neil D. Johnson.
1888	John W. Elder.
1895	George D. Willingham.
1898	Anthony M. Prewitt.
1898	Abram G. Bergen.

Synod of Illinois, 1882-1907.

A.D.	Stated Clerks.
1882	*David S. Johnson, D.D.
1902	Geo. J. E. Richards.

A.D.	Permanent Clerks.
1882	Smith H. Hyde, D.D.
1902	Sherman L. Divine.
1906	C. Harmon Johnson.

For full list of Moderators and Clerks from 1831 see Minutes of 1902, pages 87-90.

* Deceased.

IV.—HISTORY OF THE SYNOD OF ILLINOIS

We go back in thought this afternoon over a period of twenty-five years in the history of the Synod of Illinois. Previous to the year 1882 there were three synods in the state, named, respectively, the Synod of Illinois, North; the Synod of Illinois, Central, and the Synod of Illinois, South. These three synods, embracing the whole state, had been organized since the year 1870, the year of reunion of the Old and New School Assemblies.

For a period of thirty-two years before 1870, beginning with the year 1838, the year of the division of the Presbyterian Church into two Assemblies, there had been two synods in the state, known as the New School and the Old School synods.

The first Synod of Illinois was erected in the year 1831, the first meeting being held in Hillsborough, Ill., on September 15, 1831. Four presbyteries constituted this synod, namely, those of Missouri, Illinois, Kaskaskia, and Sangamon. Missouri and Illinois were then frontier territory. It was the day of small things in our estimation of affairs, but the men of that period were great men, men of great faith in God and in the future of Presbyterianism. I find in the list of members of the three presbyteries within the limits of Illinois the names of Asa Turner, Edward Beecher, Julian M. Sturtevant, Benjamin F. Spilman, Theron Baldwin. These men and their associates were laying foundations on which we to-day are building. They meant to dig deep and lay the foundation on the rock. We are the fortunate heirs of the work which they did.

By the General Assembly of 1881, the following resolution was passed: "The Synods of Illinois, Central, Northern, and Southern, are hereby constituted into the Synod of Illinois, which Synod shall include all of the presbyteries in the State of Illinois and all the ministers and churches under the care of said presbyteries, and the Synod of Illinois, as thus constituted, is hereby declared to be the legal successor of the Synods of Illinois, Central, Northern, and Southern, and as such entitled to the possession and enjoyment of all the rights and franchises, and liable to the performance of all the duties of those synods.

The Synod of Illinois as thus constituted shall meet on the third Tuesday of October, 1882, in the Second Church, of Springfield, Ill., and shall be opened with a sermon by Rev. Robert W. Patterson, or in his absence, by the Rev. Thomas W. Hynes, who shall preside until a Moderator is elected. This resolution shall take effect on the second day of January, in the year of our Lord, 1882."

Two principal reasons were given for this consolidation. The first was that by making the boundaries of the state the boundaries of the Synod the church would be organized throughout the land under one consistent system. There would be "a state for every Synod, and a Synod for every state." The second reason assigned was that the Synod being thus organized, the home missionary work could be better carried on.

The first meeting of the consolidated Synod was held as directed by

the Assembly, in the Second Presbyterian Church, Springfield, Ill. The Rev. Robert W. Patterson was chosen Moderator. Rev. David S. Johnson, the pastor of the Second Church of Springfield, was chosen Stated Clerk, and the Rev. Smith H. Hyde, of the Presbytery of Schuyler, was chosen Permanent Clerk. These brethren served as clerks of Synod continuously during a period of twenty years, resigning their offices at the end of that time, with the thanks of Synod rendered for their faithful and efficient discharge of duty.

The Synod at this time was composed of eleven presbyteries, namely: Alton, Bloomington, Cairo, Chicago, Freeport, Mattoon, Ottawa, Peoria, Rock River, Schuyler, and Springfield. The number of churches in the Synod was 478. The number of ministers was 401. The number of elders was 1,572. There were 42,973 members in the churches of Synod. The Sunday school membership was 48,440.

The rank of the presbyteries, in point of numbers connected with the churches, has not changed very much in the passing of twenty-five years. In the year 1882 the order was, Chicago, Bloomington, Schuyler, Springfield, Peoria, Freeport, Alton, Mattoon, Rock River, Cairo, Ottawa. Six of the eleven presbyteries have the same relative rank in 1907 as in 1882. Schuyler, from being third, is now fourth. Springfield, instead of being fourth, is now fifth. Freeport is seventh, instead of sixth. Alton is sixth, instead of seventh. Peoria has third, instead of fifth place.

The order of presbyteries for percentages of gain in twenty-five years, is, Chicago, 183 per cent; Bloomington, 110 per cent; Ottawa, 102 per cent; Rock River, 91 per cent; Peoria, 64 per cent; Alton, 59 per cent; Mattoon, 59 per cent; Schuyler, 59 per cent; Springfield, 55 per cent; Freeport, 38 per cent; Cairo, 20 per cent.

The first meeting of the consolidated Synod had before it many questions of great interest to the future history of the Synod. One of these related to the Constitution of the Synod. After protracted discussion it was voted that the Synod should be a representative body, and that the ratio of representation should be one minister and one ruling elder for every eight ministers in each presbytery and for any residual fraction of that number amounting to four or more. Also, that the chairmen of the Synod's permanent committees be ex-officio members of Synod. The presbyteries approved of this plan. The principle of representation has held during the years up to the present time, but the ratio of representation was changed in 1887, making the basis one minister and one ruling elder for every five ministers in each presbytery.

The cause of Home Missions has always been very prominent in the meetings of the consolidated Synod. Rev. George C. Noyes, of the Presbytery of Chicago, was made chairman of this important committee in 1882, and continued in that position for five successive years. Twelve pages of the sixty-three pages of the Minutes of Synod of 1883, are occupied with the report of Home Missions. Rev. Chester S. Armstrong, of the Presbytery of Alton, was appointed Synodical Missionary in 1882 and in this office rendered most effective service. His reports during the

three years while he held this position are models for clearness of statement, and as indicating indefatigable zeal in his work. In the important position of Synodical Missionary, the Synod has been most efficiently served during the years under review to-day.

The statistics of the growth of Synod have a most important place in our review of the period before us. The value of these statistics will be enhanced if we consider them in periods of five years. In the period between 1882 and 1887 there was an increase in church membership in the Synod of 5,719, or 13 per cent. Fractional percentages are omitted. During these years the Sunday school gained only 1,656 members, or 3 per cent.

During the next period of five years, between 1887 and 1892, there was a gain of 15 per cent in church membership, an advance of 2 per cent over the former period, and a gain of 25 per cent in Sunday school membership, an advance of 22 per cent over the former period.

For the purpose of comparison of the growth of the church with the growth of population in the state, I put these two periods of five years together and I find that the increase of membership in the church was 31 per cent during the years between 1882 and 1892. In the State of Illinois during the years between 1880 and 1890, the period practically embraced by the above figures, there was a gain in population of 24 per cent, which is less by 7 per cent than the gain in our church membership. A cheering fact, certainly.

During the five years between 1892 and 1897 there was a gain in church membership of 10,395, or 18 per cent. During these years there was a gain of 14,247 in Sunday school membership, or 22 per cent.

During the next period of five years, between 1897 and 1902, there was a gain of 9 per cent in church membership, and a gain of less than 2 per cent in Sunday school membership.

During the period embraced by the national census of 1890 and that of 1900, the per cent of gain of population in the state was 3 per cent greater than the gain of church membership.

During the last five years, between 1902 and 1907, the actual gain in church membership was 11,504, and the per cent of gain was fifteen. The gain in Sunday school membership during this period was only six-tenths of 1 per cent.

Our total church membership twenty-five years ago was 42,963, our present membership is 83,821, an increase of 40,858, or a gain of 92 per cent. The increase of population in the State of Illinois during this period was about 77 per cent. It thus appears that our church has increased in membership 15 per cent more than the state has increased in population.

The statistical study of these twenty-five years reveals a fact that few would expect to meet. While there are 125 more ministers enrolled as members of Synod there are nine less churches than there were twenty-five years ago. Many new churches have been organized, an average of about six each year, or 150 during the twenty-five years, but if the Min-

utes of the Assembly are correct in this particular 159 churches have been disbanded and their names removed from the roll.

There are other ways for marking the growth of the Synod than by the increase of church membership. A study of the benevolent offerings of the years under review shows that the Home Missionary offerings have increased 126 per cent, while the increase of church membership was only 92 per cent. There has been a gain of 127 per cent in the Foreign Missionary offerings. The increase in congregational offerings has been 111 per cent. The miscellaneous offerings reported in the Assembly Minutes of 1907 are 990 per cent in advance of 1882. A large part of this increase is due to the fact that the Presbytery of Chicago was credited last year with such offerings amounting to $261,970 (explain this large sum).

Before passing from the field of statistics I would direct attention to a comparison of the Synod of Illinois with the whole church. In the whole church there was an increase in total membership of 126 per cent. In the Synod of Illinois the increase was 92 per cent. In the whole church the increase in Sunday school membership was 78 per cent. In the Synod of Illinois the increase was 62 per cent. In the whole church the increase in Home Missionary offerings was 211 per cent. In the Synod of Illinois the increase was 126 per cent. In the whole church the increase in Foreign Missionary offerings was 140 per cent. In the Synod of Illinois the increase was 127 per cent. In the whole church the increase in congregational offerings was 125 per cent. In the Synod of Illinois it was 111 per cent. It thus appears that while the Synod of Illinois has made commendable progress we have, all along the line, been behind the church as a whole.

But has the Synod of Illinois kept pace with the synods about us? In the Synod of Illinois the percentage of growth during twenty-five years has been 92, as shown by the church membership. In Wisconsin the growth in the same period has been 108 per cent. In Michigan it has been 120 per cent. In Indiana it has been 67 per cent. Illinois is 3 per cent behind the average of these states.

Leaving the field of statistics, and I am quite sure that you have had enough of them, I call attention to some of the leading lines of work which have engaged the attention of the Synod.

I have said that the work of Home Missions was prominently before the first meeting of the united Synod. During the entire period under consideration at this time it has maintained this prominent position. From the organization of the Synod of Illinois in 1831 to the present time a deep interest has been shown in missionary work, especially in the work of Home and Foreign Missions. I quote briefly from a pamphlet entitled: "Outline History of the Synods of Illinois," published by order of Synod in 1887, covering the period between 1831 and 1887. This historical pamphlet says of the years between 1831 and 1838, the year of the division of the church into the two factions, known as the Old and New School: "The Synod on different occasions earnestly recommended and urged

upon the attention of the churches under its care the liberal support of the Board of Domestic Missions and the Home Missionary Society and also of the Assembly's Board, and the American Board of Foreign Missions. The various causes of Christian benevolence were habitually brought before our ecclesiastical bodies and our churches by special discourses, and the people were individually applied to for annual subscriptions to aid in spreading the gospel at home and abroad."

After the division of 1838 the New School Synod "earnestly endeavored from year to year to awaken and keep alive in the churches the spirit of self-sacrificing benevolence and of devotion to the missionary work at home and abroad. Again and again the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions were earnestly commended to the support of the churches."

Of the Old School Synod it is said: "The frequent action of the Synod in relation to benevolence, Church Missionary, and General Missionary work evidenced a high degree of zeal for the furtherance of the Christian cause in various departments."

In substance these statements are repeated in regard to the various synods which existed in the state previous to 1882. Evidently the claims of missions lay upon the heart of the church. The voice of Christ commanding the gospel to be preached to the whole creation was heard and to an extent, not behind the present day, heeded. The prayers of the church in former years and its example have stimulated the church in these later years.

Much of the best talent of the church has been consecrated to the work of Home Missions during the past twenty-five years. Many of the ablest men of the Synod have shown great devotion to this cause. The presbyteries as well as the Synod have been thoroughly organized for the work. Able men have served as chairmen of the Home Mission Committee of Synod. The name of Rev. George C. Noyes, long pastor of the First Church of Evanston, heads the list. He was followed in 1889 by Rev. John L. Withrow, of the Third Church of Chicago. After him came Rev. James Lewis, of the Central Church of Joliet. The present plan for conducting the Home Missionary work of Synod, now in operation in many of the states, and under which the Synod became self-supporting, was adopted in the year 1895. The Rev. William P. Kane, of the Second Church of Bloomington, was made chairman of the newly constituted committee, known as the Committee of Home Missions and Synodical Sustentation. Dr. Kane continued in this position until 1899, when he resigned on account of his withdrawal from the Bloomington pastorate to accept the presidency of Wabash College. It was through the efforts of Dr. Kane that the present plan of conducting our Home Missionary work was adopted. Upon his retirement Synod passed resolutions highly appreciative of Dr. Kane and of his work, properly styling him "the father, defender, and zealous promoter of the unity plan of Home Missions." Rev. Thomas D. Logan, of the First Church of Springfield, was chosen to succeed Dr. Kane, and for seven years has held the position, always faithful and efficient.

The work of Synodical Evangelism has been prosecuted with vigor by the Synod of Illinois. The work done along this line by Rev. C. S. Armstrong has been referred to. In the year 1888 the work was taken hold of with renewed vigor and the Synod's Home Mission Committee was instructed to employ four evangelists at once, or as soon as suitable men could be found. Much of the best work of the Synod has been done through this agency. Scores of weak churches have been helped to become self-supporting churches. Many others have been saved from extinction, and many new churches have been organized. In the year 1903 the office of Synodical Superintendent was created and the Rev. Edgar L. Williams was chosen to fill the office. Besides looking after the interests of the weaker churches of the Synod, superintending the raising of money for Home Mission Work, Dr. Williams has conducted evangelistic campaigns in many parts of the state, resulting in large in-gatherings to the churches, and held many Home Mission Conferences. Thus the strong churches have been enlightened and the weak churches encouraged and strengthened.

The work of Foreign Missions has been prosecuted with equal fidelity by the Synod. The offerings have increased from $36,590 in 1882 to $83,709. It is quite impossible within the limits assigned to this address to present the efforts put forth and the results accomplished for Foreign Missions during twenty-five years. The work has always been in the hands of an able committee. The committee has been exceedingly fortunate in its chairmen during this period. Two men have held this office whose united terms cover a period of twenty-three years. Rev. H. D. Jenkins was chairman from 1882 to 1887 and Rev. W. S. Marquis has held the office from 1890 to the present time. A careful reading of the reports which from year to year have been presented to Synod makes plain the fact that no perfunctory work has been done by this committee. The reports show that broad and comprehensive views have been held of the field and work of Foreign Missions, and that great zeal has marked the prosecution of the work by the Synod. The Synod, through the leadership of the several presbyterial committees and the committee of Synod, has kept pace with the great movement for the world's evangelization which the church has been carrying forward. The Synod of Illinois now stands fourth among the Synods in the total amount contributed to Foreign Missions.

I am indebted to the present able and indefatigable chairman of the committee for some facts of great interest marking the history of these twenty-five years. The Columbian Thank Offering for Home and Foreign Missions was one of the prominent features of the period. The methods employed to secure this offering were highly educational and resulted in largely increased gifts to this cause, and to other boards of the church. In connection with the meeting of Synod in Peoria in 1895 a Synodical Congress of Missions was held, when the cause of Foreign Missions was greatly advanced. This Congress attracted wide attention. To the Illinois Synod belongs the honor of having inaugurated the movement for the

appointment of a Field Secretary for Foreign Missions. Dr. Thomas Marshall, then lately returned from an extended visit to our missionary stations, was the first appointee. The plan for thus prosecuting our Foreign Missionary work has been thoroughly adopted and we now have four Field Secretaries. The Synod of Illinois may well rejoice over this effective method of missionary work.

I hold in my hand a list of the names of Foreign Missionaries who have gone out from our Synod under the auspices of our Board of Foreign Missions during the last twenty-five years, with the date of their appointment. The number is surprisingly large. There are one hundred and four names in the list. I will not call this the "honor roll" of our Synod, for there are hundreds of men and women at work in the State of Illinois just as much entitled to honor as are these men and women who are doing work on foreign fields. But it is a list of names of men and women whom the church delights to honor. The present number of Foreign Missionaries who have gone from our Synod, is seventy-one or 8 per cent of our entire force of American missionaries.

Our Synod has a fraction less than 8 per cent of the entire membership of the whole church, so we are a fraction of 1 per cent ahead of the church as a whole with our missionary force.

We will not boast of our Foreign Missionary activities, but thank God that he is allowing us to do so much to spread the glad tidings in the earth and that the flame of missionary zeal is burning so brightly on the altar.

All of the boards and benevolent agencies of the church have had the cordial support of the Synod during the period before us to-day.

The Board of Aid for Colleges and Academies was organized by direction of the General Assembly in the year 1883. It was through the strenuous efforts of the Rev. Herrick Johnson, of the Synod of Illinois that this result was accomplished. The headquarters of the board were established in Chicago. Nine of the twenty-four members of the board as at first constituted were from the Synod of Illinois, and Dr. Herrick Johnson was chosen president of the board, which office he held until a recent date, when he resigned, but is still president emeritus. Rev. Edward C. Ray, of the Synod of Illinois, was made secretary of the board.

In any review of the benevolent work of the Synod the work carried on by the women of the Synod should have a large place, but the limits of this address will allow only brief mention of it. The women of the Synod have been most thoroughly organized for Home and Foreign Missionary work. They have been untiring in their zeal. They have raised large sums of money. They have superintended missionary operations along many lines. They have done a great educational work among the youth of the state. They have stimulated the men of the church to do a larger work than they might otherwise have done. They have nobly co-operated with the women of other synods. Their zeal for missions is still unabated.

The last annual report of the Board of Home Missions has this to say

of woman's work: "To the thorough organization of the women is due a large part of the intelligent interest felt throughout our church in behalf of Home Missions. Nor have our women stimulated interest alone. Their mission schools and hospitals have laid foundations without which on many fields our missionary pastors would have found their work hampered, if not impossible."

The last annual report of the Board of Foreign Missions says of woman's work: "This year the women of the church have shown their usual zeal, devotion, and efficiency. The women's boards and societies show an increase over last year."

The Synod has exercised oversight of several institutions of learning within its bounds, always displaying a deep interest in the educational work being thus done. I can barely name the institutions which have engaged the attention of the Synod, which are located within our bounds. They are McCormick Seminary, Lake Forest University, Blackburn College, Illinois College, Geneseo Collegiate Institute, Union Academy. The transfer of Illinois College to Presbyterian control is one of the important incidents of the period now under review. During quite recent years the Synod has undertaken work in the interest of the Presbyterian students at the State University. The present policy calls for the employment of a student pastor who shall make the religious welfare of the students of our faith his special care. The work is proving to be a difficult one, but hopes of great results are cherished.

The average length of the term of service of the pastor within the bounds of Synod has not increased during the past twenty-five years, yet there have been some notably long pastorates. Rev. James G. McClure was pastor of the church in Lake Forest twenty-four years. Rev. J. W. Dinsmore was with the Second Church of Bloomington twenty-one years. The church in Champaign retained its pastor, Rev. Charles N. Wilder, twenty-one years. Rev. Thomas E. Spilman was pastor of the DuQuoin Church twenty years. Rev. Thomas Galt was pastor of the Aurora Church twenty-five years. The Rev. J. S. Braddock was pastor of the Middle Creek Church forty-two years, resigning his pastorate on his ninetieth birthday. Rev. S. C. Hay was pastor at Woodstock twenty-three years. Rev. Hezekiah Hanson was pastor at Oquawha forty-two years. Rev. A. H. Dean at Monmouth twenty years. Rev. T. A. Johnson at Edington forty years. Rev. W. S. Marquis has been pastor at Rock Island twenty-four years. Rev. James A. Piper was pastor at Charleston twenty-five years. Rev. A. B. Morey has been pastor of the State Street Church, Jacksonville, twenty-five years. Rev. T. B. Logan has been pastor of the First Church, Springfield, twenty years. Rev. W. H. Penhallegon has been pastor at Decatur twenty years. Rev. D. G. Carson has been pastor of the North Sangamon Church twenty years. Rev. I. A. Cornelison has been pastor at Washington forty-two years. Rev. John Weston has been pastor of the Calvary Church, Peoria, twenty-five years. The Rev. A. R. Mathes was pastor at Canton twenty-four years. These may not be all of the pastorates extending over a period of twenty years and more, but they are all

I have been able to learn of. I have named twenty-three belonging to this class.

Many laymen of the Synod have been eminent for service rendered the church during these years. It is impossible even to name them in this address. They will long be remembered for the good they have done and are still doing. There has never been a period in the history of the church when the number has been greater and the standing of laymen has been higher that it is at the present time. One man shall stand as their representative, William Reynolds of the Calvary Church, Peoria, who, in the month of September, 1897, laid aside his work on earth to receive, at the hand of God, the righteous Judge, the crown of righteousness. Mr. Reynolds was one whom Jesus Christ made great. He began his Christian life in Peoria. He was the founder of Calvary Church. He did fine work during the Civil War as a member of the Christian commission. He became one of the very foremost Christian workers of the state, always implicitly trusted. He abandoned a lucrative business that he might give himself wholly to Christian work. He was a leader of the Sunday school forces of the state, and afterwards of the nation. He was International Field Superintendent of Sunday school work, holding this office at the time of his death.

The mantle of William Reynolds has fallen upon many, and to-day the Synod of Illinois has enrolled the names of a great company of consecrated Christian laymen, men richly endowed, highly cultivated, who have heard the voice of Christ saying: "Go work to-day in my vineyard." The ministry and the laity of the church stand closer together to-day than ever before, and in increasing numbers are saying, as the voice of the Lord is heard, saying: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" "Here am I, send me."

New, convenient and costly church buildings have been erected all over the state. The church in Clinton in which we meet this year is a fine illustration of the church building movement within the boundary of the Synod. Twenty-five years ago, the Clinton congregation was worshiping in a small, wooden building somewhere hereabout. From there the congregation moved into a fine new brick church. Having outgrown that, this present elegant structure was erected.

The years thus passed in rapid review have been "years of the right hand of the Most High." Our forces recruited by the valiant army of Cumberland Presbyterians, and remembering that "In the Lord Jehovah there is everlasting strength," we should attempt great things for God in the coming years, seeking to advance our church to the foremost place among the Christian forces of the state, the nation, the world.

V.—HISTORY OF THE C. P. SYNOD OF ILLINOIS

If the name Illinois in its original form meant "the men perfect and accomplished," and in its corrupted French form signifies "a tribe or confederation of men," it was, and is, prophetic of the high ideals, fine spirit, and noble purpose of the populations which for more than one hundred years have occupied the territory of the state.

History tells us that Marquette explored the Illinois river in 1673 and established a Jesuit Mission at the Indian village of Kaskaskia two years later. It also informs us that LaSalle and Hennepin entered the river by way of the Kankakee, LaSalle giving it the name of Illinois after the allied tribes occupying that territory. Kaskaskia, the oldest town in the state and the seat of government until the admission of the terriory as a state, was settled in 1700.

In the transfer to England of Canada and the French possessions east of the Mississippi river in 1763, the settlements in Illinois were not disturbed. Virginia regarded this territory as belonging to her, and in 1778 sent a military force, which captured Kaskaskia, and demanded allegiance from its people. In 1787 Congress authorized the organization of the national domain north of the Ohio into what became known as the Northwest territory. Ohio and Indiana were organized in 1800, and Michigan in 1805, and what remained of the old Northwest territory, with a white population of about twelve thousand, was organized as the territory of Illinois, February 3, 1809, just one year before the Cumberland Presbyterian Church was born. The warlike character of the Indian tribes and their hostility to the settlers prevented a rapid development of the territory. Conflicts with the Indians were frequent and often very disastrous to the settlers, as for instance in the massacre of the garrison at Fort Dearborn, Chicago, and many of the inhabitants of the neighborhood, in August, 1812. When Illinois was admitted to the Union in 1818 the greater portion of the population lived in the extreme southern part of the territory.

The second immigration to the new world from the Scotch colony planted in Ulster in the seventeenth century began in 1713 and continued for sixty years. It entered the colonies on three different lines. The first entered by way of New England. The second sought the middle colonies, especially the settlements of New York and Pennsylvania, and the third entered by way of the Carolinas. The more northerly stream, encountering the intolerance and opposition prevalent in New England, turned southward and mingled with the population of New York and Pennsylvania. But very many of these newcomers, along with others, took their places among the pioneers on the western frontier, where influenced partly by the bitter opposition of the French and Indians and partly by the attractiveness of the milder climate of the Southland, they spread southward as far as northern Alabama. Here this central stream of Ulster immigration, augmented by these additions from the North

joined with the southern stream and continued its westward course. "To these two streams," says Dr. Thompson, "is due that West Virginia, North Carolina, eastern Kentucky and Tennessee and adjacent parts of South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama constitute, with Pennsylvania, our American Ulster far more extensive and populous than King James' Irish plantation." Very many members of this sturdy, virile race crossed the mountains westward and settled in Kentucky and Tennessee, and became the founders and leaders of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in what was known as the Cumberland country, from which they migrated into the territory of Illinois. Many of their descendants occupy this region to this day and perhaps constitute the dominant part of what President Theodore Roosevelt in his down-the-river speeches, has lately characterized the purest American population in the United States.

Cumberland Presbyterianism was introduced into the territory of Illinois as early as 1815 when the Rev. John Barnett preached in the pioneer home of Francis Glass, who lived near the present site of Golconda. It is probable that the first Cumberland Presbyterian family to settle in the territory was that of Mr. Tagert, the son-in-law of Mr. Glass. Mr. Tagert came to the territory in 1813, only three years after the organization of Cumberland Presbytery.

Probably the first church organized under Cumberland Presbyterian auspices was Hopewell, now Enfield, in White county. This congregation, which was organized by the Rev. D. W. McLin, June 8, 1819, is still in a flourishing condition, doing splendid service for God. Perhaps the first church house built by Cumberland Presbyterians in the state was the "large log meeting house" erected by the Rev. Mr. McLin and his people. The building was provided with a roof, but not with a floor. The second church organized by Cumberland Presbyterians in the state was old Bear Creek congregation, now Donnellson, in Montgomery county. This church was organized by the Rev. Green P. Rice, the first Cumberland Presbyterian minister to *settle* in the state. The Rev. Mr. Rice finally settled in Bond county, where the county seat was afterward located, and which was named Greenville for him.

The Rev. J. B. Logan, D.D., in his "History of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Illinois," has preserved for us a bit of history which is of special interest to us to-day. Dr. Logan, quoting from "The Life and Times of Rev. Stephen Bliss, a Pioneer Presbyterian Minister," says:

"In 1810, or 1811, the Rev. James McGready, of Muhlenburg Presbytery of Kentucky, made missionary tours into southern Indiana, and having penetrated into Illinois as far as White county to a settlement of emigrants from the Carolinas, Georgia, Tennessee and Kentucky, he organized the Sharon Church in 1816. This is the oldest Presbyterian Church, and so far as known, the oldest Protestant church in the state."

Two things in this statement interest us to-day. The first is that the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., entered the territory of Illinois and organized a church, just a little before Cumberland Presbyterians entered and organized their work. The second thing of interest is that the first

Presbyterian church in the state was organized by the Rev. James McGready, who, under God, was the leading spirit in the development and conduct of the great revival out of which grew the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Other congregations were organized from time to time as the needs of the people required. There were few churches of any kind in the territory. The conditions were unfavorable for permanent work. The population was constantly changing. Sickness, peculiar to a new country, prevailed. A church might be organized this year and before twelve months had passed lose half or two-thirds of its membership by removal. The people were poor, scattered, without church houses, schools, and with few books or papers. And yet there was need of the Gospel Messenger. Heroic men like the Barnetts, Rice, McLin and Berry, and a score of others of that generation, and multitudes more in the generation which followed, braved the dangers of a pioneer life and preached the gospel in schoolhouses, in the cabins of the people and under brush arbors and whenever the opportunity presented itself. In the absence of steam or electric cars, or automobiles, or even buggies these men of God walked or rode on horseback from place to place, carrying in their saddlebags their libraries consisting of half a dozen books including the Bible and hymn book. There were no roads and no bridges across the often swollen streams, and travel was most difficult and often very uncomfortable. But the spirit of the Lord was upon his servants and they went forth to proclaim his glad message to men, not counting the cost.

Thus was the seed sown from which has come a splendid harvest. Thus the foundations were laid upon which have been builded the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Illinois.

Originally the territory of Illinois, along with Indiana and Kentucky, was included in old Anderson Presbytery, but later by action of the Cumberland Synod the western portion of Illinois was set off as a part of McGee Presbytery, the first presbytery to be organized west of the Mississippi river. But in 1822 Cumberland Synod passed an order for the organization of Illinois Presbytery. The organization of this first presbytery whose territory lay wholly within the state took place at the close of a camp-meeting held at or near Vandalia, which was then the seat of government in the state. The meeting for the organization was held on the first Tuesday in May, 1822, at the house of John Kirkpatrick, with the following ministers present: The Rev. D. W. McLin, the Rev. John M. Berry, and the Rev. Woods M. Hamilton.

Sangamon was the second presbytery to be organized by Cumberland Presbyterians in the state. The organization took place under direction and authority of old Cumberland Synod at the house of Mr. William Drennon, Sugar Creek, Sangamon county, April 29, 1829, with David Foster, John M. Berry, Thomas Campbell, Gilbert Dodds and John Porter as the ministers. At the time of its organization Sangamon Presbytery embraced everything north of the southern third of the state.

The third presbytery to be organized was Vandalia and was constituted

by order of Missouri Synod in April, 1832. It was formed out of the southern part of Sangamon and the northern part of Illinois Presbytery. The meeting for the organization of this presbytery was held at the house of the Rev. Joel Knight in Montgomery. The Rev. Mr. Knight was a convert of the first camp meeting held in the state at Enfield, Ill. There were present as members of the new presbytery, David Foster John Barber, Sr., Joel Knight, and John Barber, Jr., and Robert Paisley, a representative from old Bear Creek congregation. Rev. David Foster was moderator, and the Rev. John Barber, Jr., was elected clerk.

The organization of the other presbyteries in their order were Rushville, in 1836; Mackinaw, in 1837; Foster, in 1838; Ewing and McLin, in 1845; Decatur, in 1859; and Chicago, in 1882. The names and territories of these original presbyteries were in some instances changed before the consummation of the union with the Presbyterian Church. At that time there were ten presbyteries of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in the state, namely: Chicago, Decatur, Ewing, Foster, Illinois, Lincoln, Mt. Vernon, Rushville, Sangamon and Vandalia.

The continued and rapid growth of the church in the new territory made the organization of the synod necessary. Accordingly, the Illinois Synod was organized in October, 1832, under an order of the General Assembly, which met in Nashville, Tenn., in May of that year. The first meeting of this first synod of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Illinois was held at the old Mt. Gilead meeting house in Bond county. The Rev. David Foster was the first moderator, and the Rev. John R. Brown was the first clerk. It was composed of the Presbyteries of Illinois, Sangamon, St. Louis and Vandalia. It is evident from the record of this synod that even at that early day the important work of the Sunday school was recognized, as was also that of the American Bible Society, the American Tract Society and organized temperance work.

The second synod organized was old Sangamon. The rapid increase of population in the middle and northern part of the state and the organization of new churches and new presbyteries created the necessity for a new synod, since methods of travel were very primitive even then. Accordingly the synod was organized agreeably to the order of the General Assembly in October, 1838. The first meeting was held at Rushville with the Rev. John M. Berry as moderator, and the Rev. Cyrus Haynes as clerk. This synod was composed of the presbyteries of Sangamon, Rushville and Mackinaw. For a number of years the churches of this synod increased more rapidly than those of the older Synod of Illinois, but when the slavery question began to be agitated the incoming population from the older parts of the church turned away from Illinois to Missouri, Arkansas and Texas, just as it had done at an earlier period in the history of the church in the state.

But the church grew, notwithstanding this fact, and in October, 1859, Central Illinois Synod, being the third synod in the state, was organized at Sullivan under an order of the General Assembly. The Rev. J. B.

Logan, D.D., was the first moderator, and the Rev. J. C. Smith, the first clerk.

The general organization of the church continued with very little change during the next twenty-five years and more. In 1886, in compliance with the order of the General Assembly, these three synods were consolidated into the Illinois Synod of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The Rev. A. J. McGlumphy, D.D., was elected moderator, and the Rev. J. M. Hubbert, D.D., was chosen clerk. Just twenty-one years have passed since the consolidation of the synods, years which mark the active ministry of very many of the ministers and elders of the present generation. The Synod in these years grew to be one of the most aggressive, active and fruitful of all the synods of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. What a story these years have recorded. The older generation of ministers and elders and church members has passed away. Among these were our fathers in Israel who not only led many of us to Christ, but who wisely and tenderly pointed out to us how God was leading us into the ministry. I shall never forget the earnest solicitude of the Rev. W. C. Bell, of our own church, and the thoughtful counsel of the Rev. Dr. S. J. Bogle, of the Presbyterian Church, as they sought to direct my steps into the work of the gospel ministry. The men of this former generation set before us ideals in their own lives and ministry which have never been forgotten and which have done much to mark the way for our own life service. All honor to those men of God for their noble service. It would be a pleasure and an inspiration simply to mention their names today, but time will not permit.

It is interesting at this time to recall the names of those who have served the consolidated synod as moderators and as stated clerks: The moderators were: Rev. A. J. McGlumphy, D.D., 1886; Rev. W. W. M. Barber, 1887; Rev. J. A. Chase, 1888; Rev. W. T. Ferguson, D.D., 1889; Rev. J. G. White, D.D., 1890; Rev. Phil. R. Danley, D.D., 1891; Elder Thos. H. Perrin, 1892; Rev. R. M. Tinnon, D.D., 1893; Elder A. E. Turner, Ph.D., 1894; Rev. W. C. Logan, 1895; Rev. C. W. Yates, 1896; Rev. A. H. Stephens, D.D., 1897; Rev. T. J. Claggett, 1898; Rev. C. E. Hayes, D.D., 1899; Rev. J. L. Hudgins, 1900; Rev. J. W. Laughlin, D.D., 1901; Rev. J. F. Rogers, 1902; Rev. D. E. Bushnell, D.D., 1903; Rev. J. M. Johnston, 1904; Elder A. R. Taylor, Ph.D., 1905; and Elder Thos. H. Perrin, 1906. The following have served as stated clerks of the consolidated synod: Rev. J. M. Hubbert, D.D., one year; Rev. N. D. Johnson, two years; Rev. J. W. Elder, seven years; Rev. G. D. Willingham, three years; Rev. A. M. Prewitt, one year; Rev. A. G. Bergen, eight years.

When Cumberland Presbyterians came to the state almost one hundred years ago they brought nothing with them except a deep love for God and for men and the gospel of reconciliation. They were poor and could not look to the older portions of the church for help for the people of those regions were as needy as they were themselves. They had no church buildings, no schools, no boards as agencies through which to carry on the great work which lay before them. But they brought the

spirit of the Master and this meant that Sunday schools would be organized, church school would be established, and mission boards would be brought into existence.

Accordingly, at the very first meeting of the Presbytery of Illinois, in May, 1823, a Preamble and Constitution was recommended to the societies under its care, of which the following are paragraphs:

"The Illinois Presbytery, taking into view the necessity of missionary labors, recommend to the organized, enrolled societies under her care to form missionary societies, the object of which is to raise funds for the support of missions within the bounds of this presbytery."

Another article read as follows:

"The Illinois Presbytery is hereby constituted a Board of Missions and shall distribute the moneys received from this society to her missionaries at discretion."

It is also a matter of history that at the first meeting of Sangamon Presbytery, 1829, a similar resolution was adopted, as follows:

"That it be and is hereby recommended to the societies and neighborhoods destitute of preaching within the bounds of Sangamon Presbytery that they unite and raise in each neighborhood or society, so destitute, such funds as they are able by voluntary contributions, for the purpose of remunerating those preachers that may be sent by presbytery to preach to them, say at $1 per day."

The fine missionary spirit and purpose manifested in the above quotations have been characteristic of Illinois Cumberland Presbyterians throughout all these years and they are more evident to-day than at any previous time. Forty years later, when the Civil War broke out and the usual operations of the Board of Missions, located at Lebanon, Tenn., had been interrupted, the needs at the North and the missionary spirit of the people were so great that the General Assembly appointed a Permanent Committee on Missions, with headquarters at Alton, Ill., and an Illinois pastor, the Rev. J. B. Logan, D.D., was made its secretary. The next year this Committee on Missions was incorporated as "The Board of Foreign and Domestic Missions of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church." About this time a Board of Missions was organized on the Pacific Coast. But in 1869 these three boards were consolidated and the new board was located at St. Louis, Mo. Elder T. H. Perrin, the present president of the Cumberland Presbyterian Board of Missions and Church Erection, has written a "History of the Board of Missions," from which some of the above facts have been taken. Mr. Perrin has been familiar with the history and work of the board since 1864, and for the most of that time he has been a most useful member of the board. From the time the General Assembly appointed a Permanent Committee on Missions and located it at Alton, Ill., Illinois Cumberland Presbyterians have had one or more representatives among the members of the Board of Missions. The missionary spirit of Illinois Cumberland Presbyterians is still further manifest in the large number of missionaries which have gone to the foreign field from the church in Illinois. Fully 25 per cent of all the

missionaries who have gone to the foreign field have been furnished by the church in Illinois, and one or more of these representatives is to be found in each of the foreign countries where the Cumberland Presbyterian Church has undertaken to do missionary work. A very large share of the missionary work of the church has been done by the women, and the women of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Illinois have wrought nobly. Actuated by the missionary spirit which has ever moved the leaders of the church in this state, Illinois Cumberland Presbyterian women began to organize for missionary work even before the Woman's Board of Missions was organized in 1880. The society at Greenview, Menard county, was organized prior to that date. The interest of the women of the church in the Synod of Illinois in missionary work is indicated first of all by the steady increase of missionary societies, and secondly by the continuous growth in offerings to the cause of missions during these years, and by the fact that four out of the twenty-seven annual conventions have been held in the state.

But the leaders of the church in those early days were not content with organizing the missionary work of the church. The same spirit which prompted them to organize the church for better things in missions, prompted them to organize the Sunday school work of the church in the state for better and more effective service. Accordingly, in 1877, just thirty years ago, that trio of God's servants, the Rev. Dr. J. B. Logan, the Rev. Dr. A. J. McGlumphy, and the Rev. E. J. Gillespie issued the call for the first Cumberland Presbyterian State Sunday School Convention. The convention met at Taylorville in August of that year. It was a meeting remarkable for its spiritual power and rich blessings upon those who were present. It was a type of the thirty annual conventions which have been held since then. What glorious results have come to the church from these conventions, and from the permanent organization which grew out of these annual conferences. The State Sunday School Association has grown into the Illinois Church Extension Association with its three departments of Sunday School, Christian Endeavor, and Missions. The association has been helpful in building churches in many of the cities and towns of the state, notably in Chicago, Mt. Vernon, and Decatur. By its work in establishing the church in Decatur, the Church Extension Association, indirectly, made possible the conditions out of which has grown the James Millikin University with its splendid brief past and its brighter future.

These annual conventions have been centers of instruction and inspiration for the officers, teachers, and members of our Sunday schools in Illinois. They have kept before our Sunday school workers high ideals as to the possibilities of large and efficient service. It is very proper in this connection to speak of the excellent service rendered the church in the state by Prof. H. M. Steidley during the eleven years he served as state superintendent. The adoption by the General Assembly of the Ten Points and the Standard of Excellence which he prepared while working under direction of the Church Extension Association was high commenda-

tion both of Professor Steidley and of the work the Illinois Church Extension Association was doing. During the past six years the Rev. C. E. Hayes, D.D., has served the association as State Evangelist, visiting weak churches, planting new ones and strengthening the older and stronger churches. Hundreds of souls have been won to Christ and the great majority of them have united with the churches where the special services have been held.

Among the laymen who have rendered special service in connection with the Church Extension Association particular mention should be made of Elder Thos. H. Perrin, of Alton. He has not only rendered most efficient service in his own congregation as elder, superintendent of the Sunday school, and president of the Men's Bible Class, but he has also been from the first a leading spirit in directing the state work, and for many years has served as treasurer of the Church Extension Association.

It has been said that Cumberland Presbyterians did not love or have a high appreciation of an educated ministry, but the self-sacrificing efforts of the church to plant schools and colleges in the territory occupied by it is proof enough that the reverse is true.

It is true that under the exigencies of the times some men were ordained to the full work of the ministry who did not measure up fully to the church's high standard, but those were exceptions in those days quite as much as making the study of Hebrew optional in our day is exceptional.

Illinois Cumberland Presbyterians began very early to plan for the education of their young people, especially for the education of young men preparing for the ministry. Perhaps the first recorded effort in this direction was that of the Rev. D. W. McLin, a leader of the church in its early days, who gathered the candidates for the ministry in his own house and gave them instructions.

One writer, the Rev. J. M. Miller, says: "In early times candidates for the ministry boarded free with families here and there and were taught by the Rev. D. W. McLin." The same writer tells us of "Ewing Seminary, which was founded in 1843 by the Illinois Presbytery, and which was afterwards transferred to the Illinois Synod. It flourished for only a short time." During the years which followed a number of attempts were made by Cumberland Presbyterians in Illinois to establish schools. In 1849 Stout's Grove Seminary was founded under the care of the Mackinaw Presbytery. It continued for only three years, but at one time had seventy students, and of those who attended that school some are occupying high places of responsibility and honor, among them the Hon. Shelby M. Cullom, Senior Senator from Illinois in the National Congress.

The Leroy Seminary was but a continuation of Stout's Grove Seminary. It ceased to exist after a few years of hard struggle.

Sullivan Academy, established by the Rev. James Freeland, at Sullivan, Ill., in 1851, did good work for a few years when it also ceased to exist.

The Union College, founded at Virginia, Ill., by Sangamon Presbytery in 1851, had a longer and more successful career. It became in turn the

property of Sangamon Synod and then of the Illinois and the Sangamon Synod jointly. It had a charter, was well organized as a pioneer school, and did good work for a time.

The Mt. Zion Seminary, located at Mt. Zion, Ill., and Cherry Grove Seminary, located at Abingdon, Ill., were established in 1856. The former was organized by private parties, but in 1865 it was turned over to Decatur Presbytery. Both of these schools were educational centers for the youth of the church in their day, as also Enfield College, at Enfield, Ill., a few years later, was for the youth of the church in the southern part of the church.

But all these scattered efforts to establish schools by the church were brought to an end, when in 1864, the three synods of Indiana, Illinois, and Iowa joined in the founding of Lincoln University, at Lincoln, Ill. In its more than forty years of history Lincoln University has been a great source of strength and blessing to the church not only in the state, but in the regions beyond, and not to the church only, but to the state as well. Her graduates and undergraduates are numbered by the hundreds and perhaps by the thousands.

In his "Historical Statement" of Lincoln University, President A. R. Taylor has said: "Over three hundred young men and young women have graduated from her various courses. Among them forty-one ministers, forty lawyers, sixteen college and high school professors, twenty-two teachers and superintendents of public schools, twelve physicians, ten merchants, seven authors and editors, four foreign missionaries, three college presidents, twelve farmers and stockmen and eight in other occupations. Five have been members of the State Legislature, one Speaker of the House, and one candidate for governor of the state.

The first faculty of Lincoln University consisted of Rev. Azel Freeman, D.D., President; Rev. A. J. McGlumphy, A.B., Professor of Mathematics; Joseph F. Latimer, Professor of Natural Science, and Rev. S. Richards, Professor of Ancient Languages. The presidents of the University since Dr. Azel Freeman were: Rev. J. C. Bowden, D.D., Rev. A. J. McGlumphy, D.D., Prof. Albert McGinnis, Prof. A. E. Turner, Rev. J. L. Goodknight, D.D.

Of the other members of the faculties of the university who have made a name for themselves in the church or educational world special mention may be made of the Rev. D. M. Harris, D.D., for years the able and gifted editor of "The Cumberland Presbyterian" and later of the St. Louis "Observer," and Albert R. Taylor, Ph.D., for ten years president of the Kansas State Normal, and since its beginning the president of The James Millikin University.

But the crown of the educational work of the church in the State of Illinois is The James Millikin University. Early in the year 1900 Mr. James Millikin, of Decatur, Ill., announced his purpose to found a college and industrial school at Decatur. Certain propositions were submitted to the synods of Indiana, Illinois and Iowa, of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and the citizens of Decatur, which were accepted by them. The

Decatur College and Industrial School was established in accordance with these propositions and agreements. The charter of Lincoln University was amended so as to substitute the name The James Millikin University for that of Lincoln University. Lincoln University is now known as Lincoln College, and the two schools, the Decatur College and Industrial School, at Decatur, and the Lincoln College, at Lincoln, make up The James Millikin University. At Lincoln there are two well-equipped buildings and a ten-acre campus, the whole being estimated at $100,000. At Decatur there are five splendidly equipped buildings and a thirty-five-acre campus, the whole being estimated at $367,000. The total investments for the university, are, therefore, $467,000. The endowment for both colleges is $302,640, not counting the $50,000 on which the College Commission is paying interest. The total investments in buildings, grounds and endowment are about $800,000.

The university offers in one or both of the colleges, courses in the liberal arts, civil, mechanical, and electrical engineering, domestic economy, commerce and finance, pedagogy, library science, music, drawing and painting, etc. The Decatur College and Industrial School opened its doors to students in September, 1903. The registration for the year was 712 in all departments. The enrollment of students in the university for 1906 was 1,012; members of the faculty, including regular assistants, sixty-eight; graduates, forty-nine. The university has taken high rank among the schools of the Central West. Its future is full of hope under the wise and experienced leadership of its efficient head, President A. R. Taylor, and the able faculty which he has gathered around him, and especially if the endowment shall be largely increased so that the needed additional buildings and apparatus may be secured.

The writer is fully conscious of the imperfections of this story of the planting and growth of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in the State of Illinois. Very much more might be said and perhaps ought to have been said about other phases of the life of the church in this state during these years. Certain it is that it would have been most agreeable to have mentioned with proper recognition a number of men and women who have served the Lord and the church so faithfully during these years.

The union of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church with the Presbyterian Church has served simply to widen the opportunities and possibilities for service in both churches and we feel very sure that those who were formerly known as Illinois Cumberland Presbyterians will most cheerfully accept the new responsibilities laid upon them by the union, and in the spirit of their fathers will undertake to solve the problems before the united church to-day in the name of the Lord of Hosts.

VI.—REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS TO THE SYNOD OF ILLINOIS

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN.

Rev. Thomas D. Logan, Springfield.

The plan under which the work of Home Missions has been conducted in Illinois for the past twelve years has been by presbyterial rather than by synodical organization. We are a confederation of presbyteries, and the Synodical Committee sustains a relation to it similar to that which the Continental Congress sustained to the states during the Revolution. We can receive the surplus contributions of the stronger presbyteries and distribute among the weaker, and to the Board of Home Missions, and we can employ agents to assist in carrying on the work throughout the state; but we have no command of funds except such as are put in our hands by the presbyteries. We cannot appeal for special contributions for synodical work except at the risk of diverting funds which might flow into presbyterial treasuries. These facts should be borne in mind in any criticisms that may be passed upon the efficiency of administration by the Synodical Committee. How the synodical administration can be strengthened without impairing the efficiency of the presbyterial organization, or drawing too largely upon the funds contributed, is a problem we have not been able to solve.

The chairman takes pleasure in bearing testimony to the thorough work that has been done by the presbyterial committees, and especially by those chairmen who have been long enough in service to understand fully their duties. It is this volunteer labor that makes our system economical as well as efficient, and the substitution of paid agents would vastly increase the expense of administration. As an evidence of the efficiency of our system in the gathering of funds, it should be noted that the receipts through the presbyterial treasuries outside Chicago increased from $11,336 in 1896 to $14,841 in 1906, and in the entire Synod from $29,474 to $36,915. We are, however, still far below our aim, and that is not a high one. Had we received 30 cents a member from all the churches outside Chicago, we should have had $16,730, an increase of nearly $2,000. As an incentive to contribute the full quota, we append to this report a statement of receipts from the different churches in comparison with the apportionment of 30 cents per member based on the numbers reported to the General Assembly of 1907. No church should be satisfied to give less than the apportioned amount, and our stronger churches should recog-

nize a responsibility to give much larger sums. Illinois has been prospered materially beyond other parts of the country, and should give more largely for Home Missions within its own boundaries and throughout the country.

A summary for the year ending September 30, 1907, shows 97 ministers serving 132 churches and missions with 9,347 members, of whom 1,048 were added by profession of faith and 506 by certificate. Three hundred and seventy-two adults were baptized, and 418 infants. In 124 Sabbath schools there was a membership of 12,651. The assisted churches contributed $60,859 to their own support, and $5,741 to the beneficences of the Presbyterian Church. Nine churches advanced to self-support. A number of the weaker churches were supplied by members of the presbyterial committees and other ministers without compensation, thus keeping alive churches which could not otherwise have maintained their existence. The self-denying labors of ministers, already heavily burdened with their own work, cannot be too highly commended. The contributions from all sources for Home Missions, as reported in the Minutes of the General Assembly, amounted to $101,998.

Evangelistic meetings were conducted successfully in a number of churches, many of them being Home Mission churches, under the direction of Rev. E. L. Williams, D.D., to whose report you are referred for the details. The Evangelistic Committee of the General Assembly contributed $800 to this fund, and this, together with the money raised in the churches in which the meetings were held, met all the expenses and left a balance on hand. There is a constant demand for evangelistic meetings, and many churches are anxious to have them, if a considerable part of the expense can be provided. The successful prosecution of these evangelistic campaigns requires a large part of the time and energy of the Superintendent, whose salary and expenses are paid from funds raised for Home Missions. While appreciating the great good that has been accomplished by these special services, your committee regards it a first duty to assist in sustaining a permanent ministry on the weaker fields. The General Assembly's Committee on Evangelism is unable to renew the appropriation, but the Presbytery of Ottawa has generously made an appropriation of $550 from invested funds for the support of an evangelist to work under the direction of the Synodical Committee. The selection of this evangelist has been entrusted to Dr. Williams, and also the general direction of his movements, while he himself, as Synodical Missionary, will visit and strengthen weak churches, assist them in raising funds for the support of pastors, and secure their settlement in vacant churches, besides holding such evangelistic services as his other duties will allow.

A most important work amongst the foreign-speaking population, which is crowding into the mining and manufacturing districts of the state, has opened up during the past year, and your committee will prosecute it with vigor if sufficient funds are provided. Mr. F. J. Bagocius, the Lithuanian colporter who did such good work in the summer of 1906,

was commissioned by the Board of Publication for the months of July and August, our committee paying his expenses, which amounted to about $80. In 25 towns he visited 728 families, 673 of which were Lithuanian, 24 Bohemian, 17 Polish, 7 Bulgarian, 3 Italian, 3 Jewish and 1 Armenian. He sold 89 Lithuanian Bibles and Testaments, 3 Bohemian and 2 Polish, 298 Lithuanian, 28 Bohemian and 8 Polish tracts. He reports a Lithuanian population of 3,000 at Westfield, in the Danville district, 1,700 at Pana, 3,400 at East St. Louis, 1,200 at Johnston City, 2,800 at Springfield and 2,000 at Spring Valley. He thinks that a permanent missionary preaching in the Lithuanian language could build up a mission in any of these places. Through a misunderstanding, he traveled more rapidly and covered more ground than had been intended, otherwise the way might have been opened for permanent work at one or more of the above-named points. His work has been invaluable in giving a knowledge of the field, and in preparing the way for future efforts.

Having been informed that some 7,000 Bulgarians were living in the vicinity of Madison and Granite City, means were taken to canvass the district and ascertain whether it is feasible to organize a mission amongst them. The local ministers gave valuable information, and it was hoped that Mr. Bagocius could be used to advantage in gathering the nucleus of a congregation; but it was soon discovered that the jealousies amongst the different foreign elements are greater than those which separate the new immigrants from the English-speaking Americans. We were not able to get the mission started soon enough to secure a Bulgarian minister who was available in the early summer. There are but three or four properly qualified Bulgarian ministers in the United States. The chairman has secured the promise of one of these, whose character and qualifications are highly recommended, to undertake the mission if begun at once. It is an opportunity we must not allow to pass unimproved, if we would do our duty in evangelizing a large element of our immigrant population. The cause appeals on patriotic as well as on religious grounds and the call should not pass unheeded.

Early in the summer an article appeared in the "Interior" calling attention to the large number of Italians in the vicinity of Spring Valley who might be reached by Protestant effort. The writer was a Congregationalist, who promised co-operation if the Presbyterians would move in the matter. Dr. Williams was sent to investigate and act, and succeeded in making an arrangement by which an Italian worker could be supported, the presbyteries of Ottawa and Rock River paying two-thirds and the Congregationalists of Spring Valley the other one-third of the expense. By prompt action an Italian worker was secured from Trenton, New Jersey, and is now on the field. We invite special contributions to this new work amongst the foreign immigrants, and trust that the response will be so prompt and liberal that we shall not be hindered through lack of funds. These special contributions should be sent to the presbyterial treasurers, who will apply them directly in presbyteries in which the foreign work

is conducted, or send them immediately to the Synodical Treasurer for work in other presbyteries.

The reunion of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church with the parent body has presented problems bearing specially upon the work of Home Missions. While many strong and vigorous churches have been incorporated into the Synod, there are also many weak ones which will require the sympathetic encouragement of the Home Mission Committees of Synod and presbyteries if they are to live and thrive. In their former connection these churches were supplied by a judicious grouping, and the same policy will be pursued in the reunited body. It is better to sustain a competent minister at a fair salary on two, three, or even four fields, than to starve our ministers in an attempt to give full time to every weak field.

By the terms of the union it was agreed that the Home Mission work should be carried on according to the system in operation in the Synod of Illinois of the Presbyterian Church. In the former Cumberland Presbyterian Synod, this work was conducted by their Church Extension Association, an incorporated body, holding certain properties under their charter. That this property may be taken over, it is necessary that a similar incorporation be established in connection with this Synod. Your committee therefore asks authority to incorporate under the title, "The Board of Illinois Presbyterian Home Missions." Until all legal questions involving property rights of the former Cumberland Presbyterian Church are finally adjusted in the highest civil courts, it is deemed wise to perpetuate the charter of the Illinois Church Extension Association of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, but all Home Missionary operations throughout the Synod will be conducted by this committee, and all churches should contribute through the treasurers of their presbyteries. With the liberal support of the churches and the hearty co-operation of the presbyterial committees, we may confidently look forward to a year of enlarged contributions and more aggressive effort in the great cause that has been committed to us.

BRIEF REPORT OF THE YEAR'S WORK IN THE SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.

By the Superintendent.

In this report we must acknowledge the very gracious providence and blessing of God in certain special cases where churches have come rapidly to self-support, and where new work has opened up.

1. The most interesting item of the past month has been the settlement of an Italian worker, who has just located at Ladd, Illinois. The Superintendent visited the presbyteries of Ottawa and Rock River, and presented the interesting features of the Italian work in this field of Spring Valley and contiguous territory in a radius of ten miles, including towns in La Salle, Putnam and Bureau counties. He secured from the Presbytery of Rock River a pledge of $250.00, and from Ottawa Presbytery $500.00, and employed Antonio Martignetti at a salary of $720.00 and railroad fare

to the field. In this field there are 12,000 Italians without an Italian priest, and there is an open door for our work in immigrant evangelism. Mr. Martignetti is a converted monk-preacher, well educated, and an earnest, zealous Christian worker. This is the first locating permanently of a foreign-speaking missionary in the Synod, outside the Chicago Presbytery, and promises much.

2. A second special case is found in the Green Valley church of Peoria Presbytery, which, after evangelistic meetings conducted by the Synod's evangelist, received forty new members, many of them men; and, although raising only $400.00 on the field, the church came immediately to self-support, promising the pastor for all his time $1,000.00 salary. This church formerly received $150.00 Home Mission aid, had been vacant since 1904, was very difficult to supply with preaching, and could not be grouped with any other field. It is a remarkable case, and a strong testimony of the seal of God's blessing on Evangelistic Home Missions.

3. In the same connection is the case of a Rockwood group of churches in the Alton Presbytery. No regular preaching, vacant since 1904, Home Mission Committee could get no answer to letters. Presbytery requested the Superintendent to send them one of our Synod evangelists, who, during his visit of three weeks in December, had thirty conversions and sixteen additions to the church. Things were set in order by the election of two new elders and one deacon. Following immediately on this work, we secured a pastor, who is now on the field permanently.

Reports of such cases might be multiplied, but for want of space. As equally interesting are the developments of the work at Vermont (vacant for years) now grouped with Table Grove under a pastor, and an evangelistic meeting planned for with the Synod's evangelist; also Apple River, with meetings in its country out-post the past year; and Elizabeth church, in Freeport Presbytery, with its energetic evangelistic pastor, located by the Superintendent, conducting its own meetings with enlarged success, bringing this discouraged and difficult field forward to its greatest strength in many years.

The Superintendent has been occupied during the year with every form of Home Mission work in the Synod—stimulating churches to larger offerings, helping to raise pastors' salaries, increasing the amount raised on this field, thus saving Home Mission money, addressing several Home Missionary conferences with Rev. C. E. Hayes in former Cumberland churches; directing the colporter work among the Lithuanians and other foreigners, and seeking to make the work permanent in localities of promise; helping to open new work and organize new churches; and, by evangelistic meetings, to strengthen and to save the feeble and dying. He wishes to say that he has had the hearty co-operation of the several committeemen and many pastors in the different presbyteries, and the assistance of self-denying evangelists, all of which has contributed to make this probably the best year of the three in which he has served the Synod as Superintendent.

In addition to his other duties, he directed the work of five evangelists

during the season for such work, and *none of the expense of this work came out of the Home Mission fund of the Synod,* but $800.00 was given by the Assembly's Evangelistic Committee, and more than equal amount was raised out of the meetings, and so we closed the year with a surplus saving of $400.00 in the evangelistic fund of the Synod. There were reported over six hundred conversions from thirty-four different series of meetings, and estimated 429 persons uniting with our Presbyterian churches. Many of these very small and feeble churches were greatly revived, even when the additions were not large. One of these churches in Bloomington Presbytery had had no additions on examination for four years, and only one in five years, and was a very limited field, being reduced by removals from seventy-five to fifty-four members during this period. The visit of the Superintendent led to the meetings conducted by one of the Synod's evangelists, and the church, pastor and people were greatly encouraged by the meetings, which brought a blessing to the whole town, and gave several additions to the church, the first in four years.

These evangelistic meetings were distributed in the presbyteries as follows: In Alton, 3; Schuyler (now Rushville), 3; Bloomington, 2; Cairo, 1; several others by Rev. Maxton; Ottawa, 4; Rock River, 1; Peoria, 5; Springfield, 1 (help of A. N. Gray at Middleton); Mattoon, 15; and Freeport, 1.

During the months of April and September the Superintendent visited the different presbyteries and had conferences with the brethren of the Home Mission committees. He has planned for October evangelistic meetings in the following five places: Table Grove, Vermont, New Providence, Good Hope and Marion. In this last town we have the promise of $1,000.00 for a church lot, and a good outlook to organize a church of fifty or sixty members in the Cairo Presbytery. This is a field in a town of four thousand people, nearly, if not fully, as promising as Herrin.

A review of three years' synodical Home Mission work, from 1904, shows an average of forty series of evangelistic meetings per year, and an increase in the number of new churches, and churches becoming self-supporting, and from these meetings about 2,000 conversions. These evangelistic meetings must be looked upon as only supplemental to the regular work of the Home Mission pastor, and to be managed as constructive and permanent. Great credit is to be given to our self-sacrificing home missionaries, and the increasing progress due to them. One thousand and sixty-three additions on examinations to Home Mission churches was reported in 1904, 1,301 in 1905, and 1,300 in 1906.

Respectfully submitted,

EDGAR L. WILLIAMS.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

MR. CHAS. T. YEOMANS, Danville, Treasurer of Synodical Committee, September 30, 1906, to September 30, 1907.

1. RECEIPTS.

PRESBYTERIES.	From Presbyterial Treasurer.	Pulpit Supplies Synodical Superintendent.	For Evangelistic Work.	For Herrin Church.	Total.
Alton		$ 10 00	$ 213 02		$ 223 02
Bloomington	$ 800 00		65 28		865 28
Cairo		25 00	40 00	$160 10	225 10
Freeport	400 00	7 00		50 00	457 00
Mattoon		105 00	407 00		512 00
Ottawa	250 00		287 50		537 50
Peoria	300 00	255 00	111 00		666 00
Rock River	700 00		46 01		746 01
Schuyler	200 00	124 00	240 00		564 00
Springfield	1,900 00		8 55		1,908 55
Total	$ 4,550 00	$526 00	$ 1,418 36	$210 10	$ 6,704 46
Chicago	1,514 72				1,514 72
Total	$ 6,064 72	$526 00	$ 1,418 36	$210 00	$ 8,219 18
Individuals			150 00		150 00
Gen'l Assembly Committee			800 00		800 00
					$ 9,169 18
Balance on hand Sept. 30, 1906					1,163 20
Amount to be accounted for					$10,332 38

2. EXPENDITURES.

September 30, 1906, to September 30, 1907.

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.

Postage, Stationery, Etc	$ 15 00	
Committee Meetings	256 62	$ 271 62

ILLINOIS WORK.

Granted to Presbyteries	$ 700 00	
Synodical Superintendent's Salary and Expenses	2,081 33	
Evangelistic Work	2,211 25	
To Herrin Church	391 02	
Three Delegates to Inter-Synodical Conference	43 00	
Expense of F. Bagocius	81 30	
Partial expense of moving M. Martiquette	40 00	$ 5,548 50

NEW YORK BOARD

Grant by Synodical Committee	$ 1,914 72
Total expenditures	$ 7,734 84
Cash balance on hand Sept. 30, 1907	2,597 54
	$10,332 38

REPORT SEPTEMBER 30, 1906.

Total expenditures	$ 9,253 93
Cash balance on hand	1,163 20

TREASURERS OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

September 30, 1906, to September 30, 1907.

1. RECEIPTS

PRESBYTERIES.	Churches.	Schools.	Young People's Societies.	Other Sources.	Total Receipts.	Cash Balance 1906	Total to Account For.
Alton	$ 1,111 18	$ 33 11	$ 75 79	$ 300 00	$ 1,520 08	$ 546 88	$ 2,066 96
Bloomington	2,271 60	102 27	75 45	.....	2,449 32	75 22	2,524 54
Cairo	833 59	44 71	96 40	608 96	1,583 66	589 48	2,173 14
Freeport	928 79	116 86	26 65	21 06	1,093 36	710 73	1,804 09
Mattoon	912 90	6 00	.....	.....	918 90	81 03	999 93
Ottawa	582 71	105 10	63 75	.....	751 56	451 82	1,203 38
Peoria	906 02	20 00	5 00	10 00	941 02	122 22	1,063 24
Rock River	1,364 77	68 27	21 00	5 00	1,459 04	220 69	1,679 73
Schuyler	1,551 57	184 08	24 25	.....	1,759 90	175 27	1,935 17
Springfield	1,108 31	44 00	52 00	.....	1,204 31	2,208 19	3,412 50
	$11,571 44	$ 724 40	$440 29	$ 945 02	$13,681 15	$ 5,181 53	$18,862 68
Chicago	20,099 55	.....	.....	.....	20,099 55	6,397 02	26,496 57
Total Synod	$31,670 99	$ 724 40	$440 29	$ 945 02	$33,780 70	$11,578 55	$45,359 25
Total, 1905	29,045 00	1,122 11	910 77	5,132 31	37,774 52	.....	.....

2. EXPENDITURES.

PRESBYTERIES.	Salaries of Missionaries.	To Synod's Treasurer.	Administration Expenses.	Total Expended.	Cash Balance, '07.	Total Accounted For.
Alton	$ 1,602 23	.....	$ 15 85	$ 1,618 08	$ 448 88	$ 2,066 96
Bloomington	1,032 52	800 00	.....	1 832 52	692 02	2,524 54
Cairo	1,723 09	.....	44 39	1,767 48	405 66	2,173 14
Freeport	769 99	400 00	63 10	1,233 09	571 00	1,804 09
Mattoon	841 10	.....	11 25	852 35	147 58	999 93
Ottawa	233 00	510 00	11 90	754 90	448 48	1,203 38
Peoria	529 62	300 00	7 55	837 17	226 07	1,063 24
Rock River	758 34	700 00	7 90	1,466 24	213 49	1,679 73
Schuyler	1,378 35	200 00	6 05	1,584 40	350 77	1,935 17
Springfield	600 00	1,900 00	9 35	2,509 35	903 15	3,412 50
	$ 9,468 24	$4,810 00	$ 177 34	$14,455 58	$ 4,407 10	$18,862 68
Chicago	18,041 43	1,514 72	*5,128 64	24,684 79	1,811 78	26,496 57
Total Synod	$27,509 67	$6,324 72	$ 5,305 98	$39,140 37	$ 6,218 88	$45,359 25
Total, 1906	32,376 25	6,209 04	948 12	39,533 41	.....	.....

* This includes $4,620 for maintenance of missions, in addition to salaries of ministers which ought not be reported as administrative expense.

RECEIPTS FROM ILLINOIS BY NEW YORK BOARD.

September 1, 1906, to September 1, 1907.

As reported by HENRY C. OLIN, Treasurer.

PRESBYTERIES.	Through Woman's Boards.	Churches, S. S. C. E., etc., Direct to New York.	Synodical Treasurer.	Total.	Living Individuals.	Legacies.	Total from all Sources.
Alton	$ 731 50	$ 71 54	.....	$ 803 04	.....	.....	$ 803 04
Bloomington	5,114 74	185 77	.....	5,300 51	.....	.....	5,300 51
Cairo	424 64	56 46	.....	481 10	.....	.....	481 10
Freeport	954 67	86 70	.....	1,041 37	.....	.....	1,041 37
Mattoon	819 15	57 25	.....	876 40	.....	.....	876 40
Ottawa	595 50	23 50	.....	619 00	.....	.....	619 00
Peoria	1 715 08	13 25	.....	1,728 33	.....	.....	1,728 33
Rock River	957 58	57 00	.....	1,014 58	.....	.....	1,014 58
Schuyler	1,179 65	27 40	.....	1,207 05	.....	.....	1,207 05
Springfield	1,974 84	141 77	.....	2,116 61	.....	.....	2,116 61
Synod	.....	.....	$ 400 00	400 00	$ 551 00	$ 7 62	958 62
	$14,467 35	$ 720 64	$ 400 00	$15,587 99	$ 551 00	$ 7 62	$16,146 61
Chicago	9,069 09	586 80	1,514 72	11,170 61	.....	.....	11,170 61
Total	23,536 44	$ 1,307 44	$ 1,914 72	$26,758 60	$ 551 00	$ 7 62	$27,317 22

SUMMARY OF HOME MISSION COMTRIBUTIONS.

Woman's Board of Home Missions		$23,536 44	
Churches S. S., C. E., etc., direct to Board		1,307 44	
Synodical Treasurer to Board		1,914 72	
Total to Board from agencies of the church			$26,758 60
Gifts to the Board from living individuals		551 00	
Gifts to the Board from legacies		7 62	
Total to the Board from individuals			558 62
Total to the Board from all sources			$27,317 22
Expended in Presbyterial Work—			
Missionaries	$27,509 67		
Administration	*5,305 98	32,815 65	
Expended in Synodical work including Evangelistic meetings		5,120 12	
Total expended within the Synod			37,935 77
Total contributions from all sources within the Synod			$65,252 99

*Less $4,620 for support of missions.

RECEIPTS FROM THE CHURCHES BY THE TRESBYTERIAL TREASURERS.

Presbytery of Alton.

	Assigned.	Paid.
Alton	$ 108 90	$ 191 00
Baldwin	23 40	25 40
Belleville	48 00	40 00
Bethel	27 00	.....
Blair	14 10	20 00
Brighton	15 30	.....
Butler	16 20	3 00
Carlinville	18 90	14 52
Carlyle	12 00	9 00
Carrollton	57 30	50 00
Chester	54 30	30 00
Collinsville	42 60	20 00
East St. Louis, First	132 00	137 39
East St. Louis, Second	17 10	.....
East St. Louis, Park	19 50	26 32
Ebenezer	18 30	.....
Edwardsville	31 80	48 00
Elm Point	.....	.....
Granite City	36 00	.....
Greenfield	24 90	.....
Greenville	108 00	35 95
Hardin	36 00	31 50
Hillsboro	88 90	103 00
Jerseyville	105 30	184 73
Kampsville	6 60	7 00
Litchfield	60 90	.....
Madison	36 00	8 00
Marshall, Lebanon	17 40	17 70
Moro	22 20	.....
Nokomis	37 50	.....
Raymond	34 20	36 60
Rockwood	11 70	.....
Salem, German	18 30	15 00
Sparta	119 40	50 37
Spring Cove	18 00	.....
Staunton	9 90	7 00
Steeleville	17 10	10 00
Sugar Creek	15 90	3 00
Summit Grove	7 50	11 00
Trenton	22 59	3 00
Troy	26 40	26 60
Unity	6 30	.....
Upper Alton	39 00	5 00
Virden	48 30	20 00
Virden, North	4 20	.....
Walnut Grove	3 10	.....
Walnut Hill	5 70	.....
Waveland	7 80	.....
White Hall	57 30	.....
Woodburn, German	15 30	20 00
Yankeetown	4 80	.....
Zion, German	11 10	10 00
	$1,745 20	$1,220 08

Presbytery of Bloomington.

	Assigned.	Paid.
Alvin	3 00	.....
Bement	102 60	70 00
Bloomington, First	110 10	3 00
Bloomington, Second	205 50	281 59
Cayuga	1 80	.....
Cerro Gordo	6 30	10 00
Champaign	156 60	228 32
Chatsworth	2 70	.....
Chenoa	55 80	52 00
Clarence	18 60	9 65
Clinton	151 20	133 75
Colfax	9 00	.....
Cooksville	26 70	30 00
Covell	60	.....
Danville, First	171 60	201 95
Danville, Bethany	23 40	5 00
Danville, Olivet	21 00	.....
Downs	19 50	15 40
Elm Grove	2 40	.....
El Paso	42 00	159 13
Fairbury	56 10	117 00
Farmer City	3 60	.....
Gibson City	74 70	103 77
Gilman	21 90	24 00
Heyworth	65 40	11 00
Homer	49 50	45 00
Hoopeston	80 70	28 40
Jersey	12 00	14 40
Lexington	47 70	32 65
Mahomet	10 80	16 00
Mansfield	27 00	21 50
Minonk	28 80	36 00
Monticello	52 50	4 50
Mt. Carmel	5 70	.....
Normal	44 70	59 45
Onarga	70 50	130 00
Paxton	43 80	.....
Philo	36 00	41 00
Piper City, 1st	75 60	101 00
Piper City, 2d	10 80	5 25
Pontiac	150 00	45 00
Prairie View	11 40	.....
Rankin	36 90	66 25
Reading	9 60	13 20
Rossville	32 40	32 35
Selma	30	.....
Sheldon	34 50	44 10
Sidney	18 90	17 00
Tolono	32 10	.....
Towanda	18 00	22 51
Urbana	106 20	91 44
Watseka	42 90	34 50
Waynesville	26 70	.....
Wellington	28 50	32 55
Wenona	54 60	59 46
	$2,611 20	$2,445 32

Presbytery of Cairo.

	Assigned.	Paid.
Anna	$ 69 30	$ 69 02
Ava	16 80	45 00
Bridgeport	19 20	.....
Cairo	83 40	67 00
Campbell Hill	15 00	14 40
Carbondale	73 20	69 00
Carmi	50 40	203 00
Carterville	33 30	3 13
Centralia	72 30	30 00
Cobden	39 90	.....
Du Quoin	60 00	41 30
Equality	16 80	3 80
Fairfield	27 30	24 40
Flora	40 20	25 65
Friendsville	9 60	.....
Galum	31 50	.....
Gilead	3 00	4 00
Golconda	24 60	31 20
Grand Tower	27 00	.....
Harrisburg	29 40	.....
Herrin	22 20	.....
Kell	4 50	3 50
Lawrenceville	18 00	60 00
Metropolis	21 00	.....
Mt. Carmel	53 10	87 00
Mt. Olivet	18 30	.....
Mt. Vernon	15 60	.....
Murphysboro	96 00	40 00

	Assigned.	Paid.
Nashville..	24 00	24 00
Oak Grove..	4 50	.....
Odin..	9 60	10 50
Olney..	36 50	28 50
Pisgah..	32 70	4 00
Richland..	9 00	3 00
Saline Mines..	12 00	.....
Shawneetown..	48 90	20 00
Sumner..	15 90	20 80
Tamaroa..	27 60	7 70
Wabash..	32 40	15 35
	$1,244 00	$ 955 30

Presbytery of Freeport.

Apple River.. .. .. ..$	10 50	$ 11 50
Belvidere..	103 20	15 00
Cedarville..	26 40	11 00
Dakota..	24 90	.....
Elizabeth..	22 20	18 60
Forreton Grove, Ger..	32 10	50 00
Freeport, First..	141 00	117 57
Freeport, Second.. ..	125 10	22 95
Galena, First..	45 60	122 29
Galena, German..	17 10	46 00
Galena, South..	53 70	27 21
Hanover..	36 60	13 00
Harvard..	31 20	25 00
Lena..	2 40	.....
Linn-Hebron..	39 30	10 00
Marengo..	93 00	37 77
Middle Creek..	33 00	49 05
Oregon..	34 80	10 00
Prairie Dell, Ger.. ..	15 90	15 00
Ridgefield..	21 60	15 00
Rockford, First..	188 10	105 60
Rockford, Westminster	95 40	86 00
Savanna..	28 20	14 00
Scales Mound, Ger.. ..	17 70	10 00
Warren..	47 10	19 62
Willow Creek..	113 70	80 42
Winnebago..	62 10	83 21
Woodstock..	51 00	19 50
Zion, German..	25 80	25 00
Rock Run..	.....	25 00
	$1,538 70	$1,114 23

Presbytery of Mattoon.

Arcola.. .. ..$	28 20	$ 14 80
Ashmore..	23 40	.....
Assumption..	35 70	51 63
Beckwith Prairie.. ..	15 90	15 30
Bethany..	8 10	.....
Bethel..	11 10	7 15
Casey..	26 40	29 50
Charleston..	120 30	141 60
Crisman..	11 90	9 10
Dalton City..	14 40	13 20
Effingham..	64 50	21 65
Grand View..	29 40	.....
Greenup..	28 50	21 10
Kansas..	39 90	40 00
Mattoon..	143 70	12 15
Morrisonville..	55 50	29 60
Moweaqua..	17 70	16 20
Neoga..	75 30	63 00
New Providence..	6 60	6 00
Newton..	24 30	10 00
Oakland..	27 30	44 00
Palestine..	29 40	26 55
Pana..	68 40	5 00
Paris..	157 80	161 90
Pleasant Prairie..	10 50	12 00
Robinson..	42 30	20 00
Shelbyville..	67 50	79 00
Taylorville..	75 00	.....
Toledo..	21 30	.....
Tower Hill..	23 40	.....
Tuscola..	64 50	7 50
Vandalia..	57 00	29 00
Watson..	12 60	9 00
West Okaw..	12 00	17 00
	$1,449 80	$ 918 90

Presbytery of Ottawa.

Aurora.. .. ..$	132 90	$ 68 21
Au Sable Grove..	36 80	49 10
Brookfield..	12 90	.....
Earlville..	25 80	18 28
Elgin..	69 60	32 00
Grand Ridge..	85 80	94 00
Kings..	15 00	20 00
Mendota..	73 70	26 28
Meriden..	1 50	.....
Morris..	62 10	20 00
Oswego..	23 80	28 00
Ottawa..	73 60	87 40
Paw Paw..	32 10	6 19
Rochelle..	60 60	96 00
Sandwich..	66 50	44 15
South Ottawa..	3 00	.....
Streator, Park..	152 10	.....
Troy Grove..	18 60	.....
Union Grove..	90	.....
Waltham..	45 10	18 00
Waterman..	37 20	37 95
	$1,037 70	$ 645 56

Presbytery of Peoria.

Alta.. .. ..$	6 30	$ 1 50
Aitona..	32 40	.....
Astoria..	7 50	.....
Banner..	26 40	.....
Brunswick..	6 00	4 00
Canton..	119 40	25 92
Crow Meadow..	7 20	.....
Delavan..	63 60	18 00
Elmira..	72 50	40 46
Elmwood..	34 10	30 85
Eureka..	60 30	29 00
Farmington..	64 20	18 00
French Grove..	18 00	.....
Galesburg..	134 70	52 16
Green Valley..	31 50	.....
Henry..	32 10	42 00
Ipava..	51 30	.....
Isabel..	15 60	.....
Knoxville..	78 30	81 25
Lewistown..	93 30	26 01
Limestone..	7 20	15 00
Oneida..	36 60	32 00
Peoria, First..	156 50	118 00
Peoria, First Ger.. ..	9 90	.....
Peoria, Second..	91 20	117 60
Peoria, Arcadia Av....	61 80	77 23
Peoria, Bethel..	35 70	14 27
Peoria, Calvary..	140 70	6 70
Peoria, Grace..	78 00	30 00
Peoria, Westminster ..	47 40	36 25
Pottstown..	3 60	.....
Princeville..	50 70	55 87
Prospect..	33 00	22 25
Salem..	32 10	21 00
Vermont..	8 70	.....
Washington..	30 00	6 00
Yates City..	42 30	19 70
	$1,820 10	$ 941 02

Presbytery of Rock River.

	Assigned.	Paid.
Albany	$ 21 60	$ 24 90
Aledo	150 00	112 27
Alexis	63 30	60 00
Arlington	10 80	10 00
Ashton	33 90	15 53
Beulah	12 00	10 00
Buffalo Prairie	9 00	6 00
Center, Seaton	68 40	60 00
Coal Valley	15 60	20 40
Dixon	102 00	50 00
Edgington	21 60	26 50
Franklin Grove	21 60	18 00
Fulton	54 60	55 00
Garden Plain	16 80	14 30
Geneseo	34 20	27 61
Hamlet	31 50	54 29
Joy	24 90	9 00
Keithsburg	13 50	3 00
Kewanee	97 50	51 00
Ladd	18 00	15 58
Milan	42 30	15 00
Millersburg	35 40	45 00
Morrison	91 80	96 34
Munson	3 30	.....
Newton	25 50	10 00
Norwood	56 40	90 00
Peniel	30 30	23 00
Perryton	26 70	5 50
Pleasant Ridge	17 10	5 00
Princeton	84 60	54 62
Rock Island, Broadway	170 40	188 39
Rock Island, Central	62 10	6 00
Spring Valley	14 40	14 40
Sterling	111 00	218 05
Viola	39 30	39 00
Woodhull	48 60	34 45
Bethel Chapel, Rock I'd	.....	2 65
	$1,680 00	$1,490 78

Presbytery of Schuyler.

Appanoose	$ 35 40	$ 21 00
Augusta	51 00	56 00
Baylis	6 00	6 00
Bardolph	28 20	21 65
Bethel	70 20	32 11
Brooklyn	15 00	17 10
Burton, Memorial	13 20	15 00
Bushnell	83 20	22 23
Camp Creek	64 20	.....
Camp Point	30 30	22 30
Carthage	143 40	220 66
Chili	8 70	.....
Clayton	27 90	16 00
Doddsville	9 00	10 00
Ebenezer	30 30	27 00
Ellington, Memorial	15 90	15 00
Elvaston	42 60	47 00
Fairmount	11 40	8 00
Fountain Green	36 00	32 00
Good Hope	33 00	9 11
Hersman	35 40	34 50
Huntsville	6 00	6 20
Kirkwood	63 90	45 00
Lee	9 00	44 00
Liberty	9 00	.....
Macomb	194 10	205 00
Monmouth	223 80	231 04
Mt. Sterling	60 60	89 87
Nauvoo	18 00	10 00
New Salem	12 30	5 25
Olive	14 40	15 00
Oquawka	45 60	51 25
Perry	20 70	13 00
Plymouth	17 10	26 60
Pontoosuc	21 60	12 00
Prairie City	37 80	10 15
Quincy	130 50	182 60
Rushville	87 90	51 96
Salem, German	21 60	30 00
Warsaw	31 80	20 42
Wythe	12 30	14 50
	$1,828 30	$1,696 50

Presbytery of Springfield.

Bates	$ 17 40	$ .....
Buffalo Hart	19 50	3 00
Chatham	12 60	.....
Decatur	225 00	205 00
Divernon	52 50	.....
Farmington	26 10	.....
Greenview	18 00	.....
Jacksonville, State St.	159 90	69 20
Jacksonville, P'rtug'se	120 00	20 00
Jacksonville, Westm'str	114 30	25 00
Macon	40 20	16 00
Manchester	10 20	.....
Maroa	42 00	79 00
Mason City	66 00	32 00
Middletown	21 30	.....
Murrayville	7 80	.....
North Sangamon	36 60	20 00
Pawnee	26 40	1 50
Petersburg	61 20	131 10
Pisgah	15 30	13 53
Pleasant Plains	18 30	.....
Providence	9 30	.....
Springfield, First	184 50	393 24
Springfield, Second	160 20	114 73
Springfield, Third	108 00	.....
Springfield, Portuguese	16 20	.....
Sweetwater	19 50	5 51
Unity	37 10	.....
Virginia	63 60	40 00
Williamsville	15 60	.....
Winchester	45 00	30 50
	$1,769 60	$1,199 31

Presbytery of Chicago.

This Presbytery prints a separate report.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1907.

This report is in the form agreed upon by the eleven Synods conducting their own Home Mission Work.

	Total Synod.	Presbytery of Chicago	Synod Without Chicago	Presbytery of Alton.	Presbytery of Bloomington	Presbytery of Cairo. *	Presbytery of Freeport.	Presbytery of Mattoon.	Presbytery of Ottawa.	Presbytery of Peoria.	Presbytery of Rock River	Presbytery of Schuyler.	Presbytery of Springfield.
No. of Churches receiving grants of aid	132	31	101	23	8	19	5	9	2	8	7	15	5
No. of Missions and preaching stations													
New Home Mission churches organized	1		1	1									
New self-supporting churches organized													
Churches reaching self-support	9	2	7	1						1	2	1	2
No. of ordained ministers employed	97	28	69	15	7	10	4	7	2	5	4	11	4
No. of other workers employed													
Additions on profession of faith	1,048	431	617	116	28	63	13	25	10	20	224	42	76
Additions by certificate	506	269	237	62	17	44	3	11	8	5	37	18	32
Total membership	9,347	3,513	5,834	1,246	450	980	234	502	146	286	670	905	415
Adult baptisms	372	93	279	50	17	27	5	2	7	4	102	25	49
Infant baptisms	418	233	185	61	18	18	19	3	8	12	23	15	8
New Sabbath Schools organized	2		2	1				1					
Total Sabbath Schools	124	32	92	20	8	17	4	9	2	4	7	18	3
Total Sabbath School membership	12,651	5,712	6,939	1,827	627	976	250	494	223	286	788	1,158	310
Amt. raised by aided churches for self-support	$ 60,859	$19,920	$ 40,939	$ 7,569	$1,650	$8,169	$ 2,400	$ 4,025	$ 1,150	$1,600	$ 2,450	$ 6,400	$ 5526
Amt. raised by aided churches for beneficence	$ 5,741	$ 2,446	$ 3,295	$ 647	$ 320	$ 630	$ 102	$ 404	$ 144	$ 314	$ 226	$ 493	$ 215
No. of church buildings	125	26	99	20	8	19	5	9	2	8	5	18	5
Value of same	$206,500		$206,500	$24,000			$17,000	$28,500	$53,000	$8,000	$14,000	$42,000	$20,000
Number of churches built during the year	1		1										1
Value of same	$ 6,000		$ 6,000										$ 6,000
Church debts cancelled to the amount of	$ 200		$ 200								$ 200		
Church buildings enlarged and repaired													
Cost of such improvements													
No. of manses	32	1	31	7			2	3	2	2	2	11	2
Value of same	$ 40,500		$ 40,500	$ 9,600			$ 4,200	$ 4,000	$ 4,700	$1,000	$ 4,000	$10,000	$ 3,000

* Based on report of last year.

VII.—REPORT OF CHURCH EXTENSION ASSOCIATION

To the Reunited Synod of Illinois of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.:

The Church Extension Association of the Synod of Illinois of the (Cumberland) Presbyterian Church presents to the Illinois Synod of the reunited Church its fifteenth annual report. It is impossible for us to give you in this report the variety and extent of our work in detail, as our part of the evangelization of our great State.

We have made special effort to unify the membership of our Church and cause them to see the great good that may be accomplished in the union of our two great Churches. The great majority of the membership have heartily acquiesced in the union, and are obedient to the declaration of the Church through her various courts. The horizon is brightening every day and the outlook for the extension of the Master's Kingdom never looked more promising. The field is now white unto the harvest. Glorious results are already coming up from various parts of the field in the special evangelistic work.

With profound gratitude to the Great Head of the Church, we present to you as the closing chapter of our work, a report, not as complete as we would like, but a record of missionary activity, in this, our great state, of which we are justly proud.

What This Association Stands for.

The Illinois Church Extension Association stands for

1. A first-class, all-the-year-round Sunday school in every church.
2. A live and efficient Christian Endeavor Society in every church.
3. Every church a missionary and evangelistic church.
4. Every church contributing to ALL the enterprises of the Church.
5. Planting new Sunday schools and churches in every place where needed and aiding in the support of a missionary to build them up.
6. Encouraging and grouping weak churches and aiding them to secure a pastor.
7. The evangelization of our state and the whole world.
8. An up-to-date Brotherhood in every church.

In order that this work may be carried on successfully and systematically, it is divided into three sections, over which a chairman is appointed to give direction to the work.

1. The Missionary and Evangelistic Section, Rev. G. W. Williams, Greenview, chairman.
2. Sunday School Section, T. H. Perrin, Alton, chairman.
3. The Christian Endeavor Section, Rev. L. D. Lasswell, Enfield, chairman.

Missionary and Evangelistic Section.

This committee has to do with the Missionary and Evangelistic work of the Synod. See that missionary information is given to all the churches, and urge upon all the importance of Home Mission work; to assist the State Superintendent in his Missionary and Evangelistic work. The chairman of this committee has many and important duties to perform. Our Association has been able to plant a number of mission churches in needy fields and give them aid till they became self-supporting. Special emphasis has always been placed upon Evangelistic work, and through the work of our State Superintendent thousands have been brought to know Christ as their personal Savior.

Sunday School Section.

Thirty-one years ago, this section of our state work was organized, and each year from that date a state Sunday school convention has been held, which has proven a great blessing during all these years.

This year, at Charleston, over 200 delegates were in attendance from all parts of the state. More than $500 was pledged for the State work the coming year.

The State Superintendent, Rev. C. E. Hayes, D.D., in this annual address to the convention, reported over 17,000 pupils enrolled in the various schools of the state. His report also shows 1,100 in the Cradle Roll; 1,200 in the Home Department; and, during the year, over 500 conversions and 485 united with the church from our Sunday schools.

The State Association arranges the Children's Day program and sends it out to all the schools free of charge, with full instructions as to its use and how the offering may be gathered, and for what purpose the money is to be used. Each person making an offering to the state work is given a souvenir from the Association. This plan has been a great success and the offerings to state work on Childrens Day are larger than from any other source.

From the beginning, our Association has realized that the Sunday school was one of the strongest and most potent agencies in the work of the State. In fact, the beginning of the State missionary work was in the interest of the Sunday schools. We feel justly proud of the work accomplished in this department. We most earnestly ask of you to consider seriously this phase of our State work and incorporate it in the work of the reunited church.

Christian Endeavor Section.

In connection with our annual Sunday school convention, one-half day is given to the Christian Endeavor work. This has proven a great blessing to the work among young people. This arm of the church has not been developed as it should be. We have not begun to touch the resources of the young people of many of our churches. Much work and money for the extension of the Kingdom can be had here if we will but go after it.

Mr. Lasswell has been untiring in his efforts in bringing the very best results from this section. The reports are encouraging in every way.

Our Association.

Our Association is an incorporated body under the laws of the State. The Association now holds property for the Church and has also bequests for the State Work. The work of the state is supported by the free-will offerings of the people from the following sources:

1. During the months of July and August each church is asked to make an offering for the State Work.
2. Each Sunday school is asked to contribute at least $3 annually for the State work.
3. Each Sunday school is requested to observe Children's Day and take an offering for the State work.
4. Each Christian Endeavor Society is asked to give to the State Work at least 10 cents per member annually.
5. Then, at our State Sunday school convention and meeting of Synod, pledges are made by churches, Sunday schools, Christian Endeavor Societies and individuals, to be paid during the year to State Work.

The State Superintendent gathers money in his missionary and evangelistic work, which also goes into the State treasury. With the funds gathered from these various sources our State Work has been carried on with much success, and at no time has a debt been contracted above what the Association was able to meet. All money is sent to the State Treasurer and by him paid out as directed by the Association.

Our Mission Churches.

It is with much pleasure that we present to you to-day four mission churches in different sections of the state. These churches have been under the care and they have been receiving aid from our mission fund and now we feel confident you will give them the care and attention that only a mother can give.

They are: *Drexel Park, Chicago; Chicago Second Church, Charleston and Eldorado.*

The Drexel Park Church is well located and the future of that church is bright with promise. Rev. A. G. Bergen, D.D., who has been with the church for a number of years, and who has brought the church to its present condition, has resigned. Rev. R. B. Fisher becomes his successor.

Chicago Second Church, during most of its history, has had a student supply, and the church has made commendable progress. This section of Chicago bids fair to become more thickly settled in the near future and then the success of this mission is assured.

The Charleston Church has had a rapid and steady growth. The location is one of the best in the city. Like all mission churches, it has problems to solve. Rev. S. P. Taylor is now in his third year as pastor and the work has grown under his leadership.

Eldorado Church presents a splendid field for mission work in one of the great coal fields of southern Illinois. A splendid plant is owned here by the Church. The membership is small. Rev. E. M. Morse is now on the field and is doing a fine work.

With much pride we point you to *Macomb, Mt. Vernon, Decatur* and *Second Danville Churches,* as some of the achievements of our State Work. These churches are now among the best working churches of the state.

Our Finances.

We are glad to announce to you that we enter this union with no debt resting upon us. All our bills are paid. We have been able to meet our obligations each month as they came due. We believe the future work of the reunited church will receive the prayers and the money from the people, as both our churches have in the past, and the work of the future will be glorious in the extension of the Kingdom.

"Church Extension Herald."

The "Church Extension Herald" is an eight-page monthly owned and controlled by the Synod, and published in the interest of our State Work. Through its columns we are able to speak to all the churches each month and keep them informed concerning the enterprises of the church. The subscription price is 25 cents a year. The paper enters many homes where no other religious paper is taken, and sends cheer and sunshine into many hearts.

The State Superintendent has found the paper of inestimable value in his work in the state. Through its columns he is able to keep the people in touch with every line of his work.

Rev. D. E. Bushnell, D.D., has given of his time freely and gratuitously to the editorial work of the paper. The Treasurer of our Association, T. H. Perrin, has been the business manager, serving without compensation. We present the paper to you for your earnest consideration, with the belief that it can be made to serve the reunited church in its larger and greater work.

Our State Superintendent.

For the past seven years our worthy and capable State Superintendent, Rev. C. E. Hayes, D.D., has represented all the interests of our Association, giving all of his time in looking after in detail all of the varied interests of the Association. During the fall and winter months Mr. Hayes spends most of his time in evangelistic work. He keeps his hand firmly on the varied interests of the Sunday school work. He keeps informed concerning vacancies and is always ready to assist churches in securing ministers and ministers in securing churches. He is always alert in awakening new interest in missions and the planting of Sunday schools and mission churches in places where they are needed. We take great pleasure in saying that Dr. Hayes, in all his financial and other dealings with your Association, has been prompt and conscientious. His success in winning

souls for the Master is remarkable, as the results in the great number of gospel meetings he has held will show, and his management of the work in the field has been judicious and successful. We firmly believe God has called him to this great work of Church Extension.

In Conclusion.

We are rejoiced above measure over the union and reunion of our churches in this great state and throughout the denomination. Surely the hand of our Heavenly Father has been manifest in his leadings all along the way.

Already, the united forces are at work in planning for larger and better things for His Church. The Missionary and Evangelistic idea is catching the hearts and hands of the people as never before. New mission fields are already opening and inviting us to enter. The various committees and organizations of the church are seeking the endowment of power for the work that lies before them. Shall we not make this coming year great for the gathering in of the lost ones for whom Jesus died? We come into this union to-day with 196 congregations on our roll, and with an army of over 17,000 Sunday school scholars. We join our hands and hearts in the great work set before us in assisting all other Christian men and women in saving Illinois.

Let us go forth in the name of our King and victory will be given us in planting our banner, "Illinois to the Front!" in hundreds of new towns and cities during the coming year.

Geo. W. Williams,
A. H. Stephens,
G. A. Wilson,
J. W. McDonald,
T. H. Perrin,
Executive Committee.

Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.

From churches		263.04	
"	Sunday schools	152.81	
"	Christian Endeavor Societies	40.28	
"	Children's Day	768.45	
"	Individuals	52.50	
"	C. E. Hayes, State Superintendent	246.60	
			$1,523.68
	Balance in Treasury, October 1, 1906		955.55
	Total		$2,479.23

DISBURSEMENTS.

1906.			
Oct.	5.	Printing	$37.00
Oct.	7.	Advance Mailing Co.	5.25

Oct.	22.	Printing	60.90
Oct.	10.	Stenographer	2.45
Nov.	3.	Stenographer	4.55
Nov.	19.	Printing	10.25
Nov.	19.	"Church Extension Herald"	61.15
Nov.	27.	Telegram	.25
Nov.	17.	Stenographer	1.85
Dec.	10.	T. H. Perrin, expenses to Executive Committee	5.50
Dec.	10.	Postage	1.50
Dec.	10.	Stenographer	2.45
1907.			
Jan.	5.	L. D. Lasswell, expenses to Endeavor Department	$ 10.00
Jan.	22.	Stenographer	.70
Jan.	24.	Printing	46.79
Jan.	25.	Stenographer	3.65
Feb.	23.	Postage	1.00
Mar.	12.	Stenographer	2.25
Mar.	19.	T. H. Perrin, expenses to Executive Committee	7.30
Mar.	22.	Printing	52.20
Mar.	28.	G. W. Williams, expenses to Executive Committee	3.60
Mar.	28.	A. H. Stephens, expenses to Executive Committee	6.70
Mar.	23.	Stenographer	2.50
April	20.	Telegram	.25
May	4.	Expenses at Conference at Springfield	5.43
May	6.	Stenographer	.85
May	6.	Postage	1.00
May	8.	Postage on Children's Day programs	23.85
May	11.	Stenographer	1.25
May	3.	Printing	28.09
May	14.	"Church Extension Herald"	55.00
June	3.	Telegram	.35
June	5.	Stenographer	1.20
June	5.	Incidental expenses at State Sunday School Convention, Charleston	8.00
June	5.	Professor Trowbridge, State Convention	39.40
June	5.	Dr. W. T. Rodgers, State Convention	6.35
June	5.	Mrs. Lyda, State Convention	20.00
June	5.	H. H. Shawhan, State Convention	3.75
June	5.	Express on books at Convention	6.60
June	9.	Printing	20.00
June	8.	Stenographer	.75
June	17.	G. W. Williams, expenses to Executive Committee	6.00
June	21.	Printing	135.49
June	22.	Postage	2.74
June	26.	Stenographer	1.45
July	17.	Clerical work	5.00

July 17.	W. A. Wilde & Co., Chicago	60.14
July 17.	Stenographer	1.30
July 22.	Printing	33.10
July 26.	Stenographer	.65
Aug. 6.	Postage and mailing	10.43
Aug. 29.	Printing	30.40
Aug. 31.	Postage	2.00
Sept. 3.	Stenographer	1.25
Sept. 12.	T. H. Perrin, expenses to Ex. Com. meeting	5.45
Sept. 17.	Stenographer's services	.75
Sept. 24.	G. A. Wilson. expenses Ex. Com. meeting	2.40
Sept. 24.	G. W. Williams, expenses to Ex. Com. meeting	5.74
Sept. 27.	Printing	20.10
Sept. 27.	"Church Extension Herald"	31.20
Sept. 27.	Stenographer	1.30
Oct. 5.	A. H. Stephens, expenses to Ex. Com. meeting	6.12
Oct. 7.	Stenographer	2.00
Oct. 10.	"Church Extension Herald"	20.75
Oct. 10.	Postage on "Herald"	13.00
Drexel Park Mission		200.00
Charleston Mission		350.00
Eldorado Mission		20.00
Second Chicago Church Mission		108.32
Cairo Presbytery		25.00
Kinmundy Church		25.00
		$1,678.99

Total receipts	$2,479.23
Total disbursements	1,678.99
Balance in Treasury, October 15, 1907	$ 800.24

SUMMARY.

The following amounts have been raised for Missions and Mission Churches in Illinois Synod during the year:

Reported by the State Superintendent	$ 2,997.72
Receipts by the Treasurer	1,523.68
Money raised by Church of Providence, Chicago	3,500.00
Money raised by Charleston Mission	1,500.00
Money raised by Second Chicago Mission	600.00
Money raised by Drexel Park Church, Chicago	1,750.00
Money raised by Eldorado Mission	300.00
Home, Foreign and special offerings to Assembly Board	6,000.00
Offerings to Woman's Board from Auxiliary Societies	2,983.82
Grand total	$21,155.22

Alton, Illinois. T. H. PERRIN, *Treasurer.*

VIII.—STATEMENT OF TREASURER OF COLLEGE COMMISSION.

To cash on hand last report	$ 386 58		
Received on notes and interest	1,005 65		
" W. E. Ferguson estate	168 84		
" L. D. Beck	50 00		
" from house and lot in Mt. Zion	1,000 00		
" from rent	68 52		
" W. J. Darby	250 00		
" J. K. McDavid	500 00		
" A. R. Scott	500 00		
" Sam'l Anderson	300 00		
" W. C. Outten	500 00		
" A. M. Kenney	250 00		
" J. M. Johnson	500 00		$5,479 59

DISBURSED.

Paid O. B. Gorin interest on Guarantee Note	$ 807 95		
" interest on "Scott-Millikin contract"	2,500 00		
" Mrs. Phillips, as per agreement	106 00		
" Mrs. W. E. Ferguson	50 00		
" G. W. Williams interest	24 00		
" taxes	13 93		
" expenses	34 45		
" L. D. Beck	208 42		
" C. P. Church, Decatur	1,000 00		
Certificate of Deposit, Citizens' National Bank	700 00		$5,444 75
Balance on hand			$ 34 84

Decatur, Ill., Oct. 15, 1907. J. N. BAKER, Treas.

I also have on hand notes amounting to		$17,209 00
Of this amount there are death notes	$12 800 00	
Not death notes	4,409 00	
Of these, estimated not good		1,200 00
Property in Bloomington valued at		5,000 00
Property in Decatur valued at		1,000 00
Land in Kansas, estimated at		800 00
The balance on Guarantee Notes		16,162 05
Note given for legal services		1,000 00
Note given by commission on original $100,000		1,300 00
Due from Theological Seminary, Lebanon, Tenn., the Mrs. Stansberry Fund		2,000 00
Unpaid salary of canvassers		2,400 00
Due C. P. Church, Decatur, the Mrs. Davidson estate		500 00
Due Theological Seminary, Lebanon, Tenn., Mrs. Davidson estate		1,000 00

October 15, 1907. J. N. BAKER, Treas.

IX.—STATISTICAL REPORT OF PRESBYTERIES.

1—ALTON.

Alton Presbytery consists of the ministers and churches within the counties of Calhoun, Greene, Macoupin, Bond, St. Clair, Montgomery, Jersey, Madison, Monroe, Randolph, and Clinton, except the minister and church of Centralia.

CHAIRMEN OF PERMANENT COMMITTEES.

Home Missions—Rev. Elisha Safford, Edwardsville.
Foreign Missions—Rev. James M. Duer, Hillsboro.
Education—Rev. Walter H. Bradley, Upper Alton.
Publication and Sunday School Work—Rev. H. W. Marshall, Lebanon.
Church Erection—Rev. Geo. W. Fisher, Trenton.
Ministerial Relief—Rev. W. E. Archibald, E. St. Louis.
Freedmen—Rev. F. P. Witherspoon, Greenfield.
College Board—Rev. W. M. Gardner, Belleville.
Systematic Beneficence—Rev. W. P. Baker, Hillsboro.
Narrative and Necrology—Rev. Jacob Ratz, Bethalto.
Young People's Societies—Rev. James R. Sager, Hardin.
Evangelistic Committee—Rev. E. M. Page, Granite City.

Ministers Received—Willis Patchen, from Illinois Conference Methodist Episcopal Church, South; John McMillan, Presytery of White Water; Allan D. Baillie, Philadelphia; R. S. Stevenson, Cairo; Wm. L. Porter, Chicago; Benjamin L. Stuart, Dubuque; A. J. Taylor, Logan; Henry Gardner, St. Louis; John G. Reynolds, Iron Mountain; Chas. A. King, Sangamon; W. P. Baker, D. E. Bushnell, T. W. McDavid, W. J. McDavid, J. J. Wilson, J. W. Titchey, Alison Hunter, J. M. Newman, O. B. Lee, from Presbytery of Vandalia; E. N. Goff, Congregational Association of St. Louis.

Ministers Dismissed—W. S. Pryse to Presbytery of Santa Barbara; Allan D. Baillie, Long Island; Ira Miller, Mankato; L. H. Shock, Bloomington; J. L. Kell, Aberdeen; J. W. Ritchey, Ewing.

Installed—Jacob Ratz, Salem, Woodburn and Zion churches, October 26, 1906; R. S. Stevenson, Greenville, November 8, 1906; John McMillan, Brighton, April 16, 1907; E. M. Page, Granite City, June 7, 1907; E. McC. Calvin, Chester, May 10, 1907.

Pastorates Dissolved—James R. Sager, Kampsville and Summit Grove churches, April 9, 1907; L. H. Schock, Virden, April 30, 1907; J. L. Kell, Madison, June 7, 1907; Howard Billman, East St. Louis, Second, September 30, 1907.

Churches Received—Girard and Palmyra, from Sangamon Presbytery, Alton Twelfth Street, Bethalto, Coffeen, Donnellson, Irving, Liberty Prairie, Maple Grove, Sorento, Walshville, Witt, from Presbytery of Vandalia.

Local Evangelists—Dr. F. M. Wood, Carlinville; O. L. Carr, Upper Alton.

Candidates—Thomas Younger, Upper Alton; J, L. Bardelmeier, Jerseyville; C. A. Keller, Sparta; W. D. Buchanan, East St. Louis; Ross L. Wilson and Harold T. Wilson, Raymond.

Stated Meetings—Second Tuesday in April and fourth Tuesday in September. WALTER H. BRADLEY, *Stated Clerk.*

Upper Alton, Ill.

2—BLOOMINGTON.

"The Presbytery of Bloomington in connection with the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America," consists of all the ministers and churches within the counties of Iroquois, Vermilion, Champaign, Piatt (except the church and minister of Cisco), Dewitt, McLean, Ford (except the church and minister of Cabery), and all that portion of Livingston county, lying south of the northern boundary of Congressional Township No. 26, and also the minister and church of El Paso, in Woodford county.

CHAIRMEN OF PERMANENT COMMITTEES.

Home Missions—Rev. C. S. Davies, Fairbury.
Foreign Missions—Rev. H. H. Shawhan, Danville.
Education—Rev. J. G. Venable, Mahomet.
Sunday School Work—Rev. S. H. Smith, Paxton.
Ministerial Relief—Rev. R. C. Dobson, Bloomington.
Church Erection—Rev. J. M. Broady, Gibson City.
Freedmen—Rev. J. I. Dool, Normal.
College Aid—Rev. R. H. McHenry, Fairmount.

Presbyterian Brotherhood—Rev. Guy [illegible]

Ministers Received—In 1906, J. Delmar Murphy, from Nebraska City Presbytery; in 1907, W. A. Bodell, New Albany; Theodore Balcoff, Freeport; S. Howard Smith, St. Louis; J. L. Hartsook, Schuyler; and Wm. J. Caldwell, Mattoon, April 9; A. T. Cory, Larned, April 22; H. H. Ashmore, W. L. Campbell, Geo. L. Clark, A. W. Dermy, R. H. McHenry, J. H. Morphis, A. F. Zeigle, F. L. Gould and Thomas Whitlock, Foster Presbytery; W. E. Olmsted, Geo. R. Scroggs, W. E. Spoonts and G. A. Wilson, from Lincoln; R. G. Shafer, from Decatur, September 17; Albert Day and Hiram A. Stinson, Chicago.

Ministers Dismissed—In 1906, Loren K. Grimes, to Chippewa Presbytery Nov. 7; E. B. Johnson, Vincennes, December 21; in 1907, David S. McCaslin, St. Paul, January 3; Geo. L. Hunt, Madison, April 9; Geo. R. Scroggs, Peoria, and G. A. Wilson, Cairo, September 18; J. A. Liggitt, L. F. Cooper and G. D. Hoover, Ottawa, by readjustment.

Ordained—Joseph M. Broady, May 14, 1907.

Installed—In 1906, Frederick W. Hawley, Bloomington Second, October 11; Reuben L. MacWherter, Heyworth, December 11; in 1907, W. A. Bodell, Hoopeston, April 25; Theodore Balcoff, Mansfield, May 10; S. Howard Smith, Paxton, May 7; John L. Hartsook, Rankin, April 16; Wm. J. Caldwell, Danville Bethany, April 30; J. Delmar Murphy, Waynesville, April 30; J. H. Morphis, Catlin, May 5; Joseph M. Broady, Gibson City, May 14; Albert Day, Rossville, September 26.

Pastorates Dissolved—In 1906, Loren K. Grimes, Paxton, November 7; Reuben L. MacWherter, Tolona, November 8; E. B. Johnson, Waynesville December 21; in 1907, David S. McCaslin, Hoopeston, January 3; Adam Schafer, Rossville, April 9; G. A. Wilson, Danvers, September 18.

Minister Deceased—John J. Duncan, November 24, 1906, aged forthy-six.

Churches Received—Allerton, Bethel, Catlin, Danville, Immanuel Danville Second, Fairmount, Georgetown, Highland, Liberty, Mt. Pisgah, Olive Branch, Pleasant Ridge, Ridgefarm, Sheridan, Westville, Yankee Point, from Foster (Cumberland Presbyterian) Presbytery; Danvers, DeWitt, LeRoy, Midland, Mt. Pleasant, from Lincoln (Cumberland Presbyterian); Cisco, from Decatur (Cumberland Presbyterian).

Churches Dismissed—Cayuga, Minonk, Pontiac, Reading and Wenona to Ottawa, Cisco to Springfield.

Church Disbanded—Covel, September 18, 1907.

Candidates—Geo. A. Hartman, Jr., Homer Church; Wm. H. Gleiser, Monticello Church.

Stated Meetings—Third Tuesday in September and second Monday in April, at 7.30 p.m.

REV. GEORGE R. SMITH, *Stated Clerk*,
Gilman, Ill.

Home Missions—Rev. Jas. R. E. Craighead, Anna.

Foreign Missions—Rev. R. M. Dillon, Carbondale.

Christian Education—Rev. F. W. McCluskey, Anna.

The Youth of the Church—Rev. F. E. Birkett, Harrisburg.

Church Erection—Rev. Robert Watt, Murphysboro.

Ministerial Relief—Rev. R. M. Rumsay, Eddyville.

Beneficence—Rev. T. M. Gossard, Golconda.

Spiritual Life of the Church—Rev. Daniel Breeze, Shawneetown.

Sabbath Observance and Temperance—Rev. A. M. Bean, Cottonwood.

Bible Society—Rev. M. E. Morse, Galatia.

Ministers Received—In 1907, Chas. McClure, from Bloomington Presbytery, January 26; Henry C. Bird, Blairsville, March 19; Albert G. Parker, Washington City; Elihu N. Hall, Illinois; Wm. A. Dillon, Ex-

amination, April 9; Chas. G. Watson, Columbus, September 24; J. C. Thompson, Southern Illinois Congregational Association, September 25; Thomas N. Hunt, R. M. Davis, Mark S. Randolph, Henry Joyce, J. M. Bean, M. E. Morse, G. D. Humphrey, from Ewing (Cumberland Presbyterian) Presbytery; B. W. Rose, R. M. Rumsey, J. A. Whiteside, J. B. Whiteside, from Illinois (Cumberland Presbyterian) by the Union.

Ministers Dismissed—In 1906, B. F. Guille, to Atlanta Presbytery, December 17; in 1907, A. R. Brown, Mattoon, March 20; J. S. Upton, Congregational Association; M. C. Stonecipher, Mattoon; R. C. Townsend, Mahoning; W. M. Maxton, Indianapolis; Wm. A. Dillon, Dubuque, April 9; W. H. Templeton, J. W. Knott, Geo. J. E. Richards, S. E. Taylor, J. B. Pomeroy, L. J. Hawkins, W. B. Lile, C. H. Miller, Wm. Davidson, J. H. Piper, A. G. Parker, L. M. Scroggs, H. D. Miller, to Ewing, by the Union; W. P. Hosken, Rock River, September 25.

Installed—Albert G. Parker, Olney, April 16, 1907; Chas. G. Watson, Herrin, October 9, 1907.

Pastorates Dissolved—W. P. Hosken, Murphysboro, September 25, 1907.

Minister Deceased—Thomas Edward Spilman, June 4, 1907, aged seventy.

Churches Received—Ebenezer, Eldorado, Galatia, Lebanon, Mt. Olive, Mt. Pleasant, New Haven, New Prospect, Oak Grove, Palestine, Pisgah, Pleasant Grove, Providence, Ridgeway, Ringgold, Union, Union Chapel, from Ewing (Cumberland Presbyterian); Bethany, Bethlehem, Central, Concord, County Line, Ebenezer, Gilead, Good Hope, Latham Springs, Liberty, Mt. Hebron, Mt. Sterling, New Hope, New Liberty, Old Home, Palestine, Pleasant Hill, Pleasant Ridge, Sulphur Springs, Union, from Illinois (Cumberland Presbyterian), by the Union.

Church Disbanded—Bethel, March 20, 1907.

Churches Dismissed—Carmi, Centralia, Duquoin, Fairfield, Flora, Friendsville, Galum, Gilead, Kell, Lawrenceville, Mt. Carmel, Nashville, Odin, Olney, Pisgah, Richland, Sumner, Tamaroa, Wabash, to Ewing, by the Union.

Candidate—F. D. Niedermoyer, Murphysboro Church.

Stated Meetings—Third Tuesday of April, and fourth Tuesday of September.

REV. FRANK BIRKETT, *Stated Clerk.*

Harrisburg III

Home Missions—Rev. Edward H. Curtis, 6138 Woodlawn Ave., Chicago.

Foreign Missions—Rev. Philip F. Matzinger, 307 S. Leavitt St., Chicago.

Education—Rev. David Creighton, Kankakee.

Sunday School Work—Rev. J. A. Gallaher, 1962 N. Kadzie Ave., Chicago.

Church Erection—Rev. W. H. Ray Boyle, Lake Forest.

Ministerial Relief—Rev. R. D. Scott, 11333 Indiana Ave., Chicago.

Freedmen—Rev. C. G. Reynolds, Joliet.

College Board—Rev. W. C. Covert, 367 Oakwood Boulevard, Chicago.

Temperance—Rev. D. C. Milner, 1400 N. Sawyer Ave., Chicago.

Church Extension—Rev. J. B. Shaw, 1620 Prairie Ave., Chicago.

Young People's Societies—Rev. H. W. Johnston, 1902 Michigan Ave., Chicago.

Presbyterian Brotherhood—Rev. W. C. Covert, 367 Oakwood Boulevard, Chicago.

Systematic Beneficence—Rev. C. H. Johnson, 4740 Indiana Ave., Chicago.

Bible Society—Rev. Alexander Patterson, Morgan Park.

Tract Society—Rev. W. E. McLennan, 215 Osgood St., Chicago.

Bills and Overtures—Rev. H. D. Jenkins, Riverside.

Ministers Received—In 1906, Albert D. Light, from Chicago (A) Presbytery, and Wm. E. Youtsler, Arizona, November 5; J. N. Freeman, New York; Owray O. Russell, Chicago (A), December 3; in 1907, J. C. Leech, Muncie, January 7; F. A. Hosmer, Freeport; T. H. McConnell, White Water, February 4; R. M. DeCastello, Pittsburg, March 4; Samuel Dickey, Chester, April 8; E. P. Hill, Portland; J. Van de Erve, Freeport, May 6; R. M. Brown, Cleveland; H. T. Smith, Chicago Congregational Association, May 20; F. A. Miller, Elgin Congregational Association; J. C. Engle, Chicago (A); C. S. Nickerson, Vincennes, June 3; B. R. Weld, Minneapolis, June 17; E. A. Drake, August 5; A. H. Stephens, A. G. Bergen, D. A. Dickey, R. H. Goodloe, J. A. McVeigh, Chicago (A), August 31; C. C. Meek, Chicago United Presbyterian; J. E. Snyder, Olympia, October 7.

Ministers Dismissed—In 1906, C. S. Pier, to Peoria Presbytery, October 1; H. W. Burger, Peoria; J. F. Laverty, Blairsville, November 5; J. L. Leeper, Newark, November 19; Wm. H. Matthews, Pembina, November 26; Chas. Stelzle, New York, December 3; in 1907, T. M. Wilson, Pittsburg, February 4; M. Grigsby, Kalamazoo; Thos. Dougan, Madison, March 4; H. A. Stinson, Bloomington, April 8; J. W. McCowan, Helena, April 18; J. U. Stewart, Detroit, April 30; W. T. Wilcox, Newark, May

Installed—Wm. E. Youtsler, New Hope, November 19; R. D. Scott, Roseland, November 22, 1906; in 1907, F. A. Hosmer, Central Park, February 5; David Creighton, Kankakee, February 19; H. S. Jenkinson, Pullman, March 1; T. H. McConnell, Jefferson Park, March 6; J. C. Leech, W. Division St., March 14; A. D. Light, Roseland Central, May 2; Ouray O. Russell, Ridgeway Ave., May 10; B. R. Weld, Joliet, Second,

June 25; W. E. Donaldson, Fifty-second Ave., June 27; E. A. Drake, Cabery, September 2.

Pastorates Dissolved—In 1906, H. W. Burger, Gardner, November 19; W. H. Matthews, Central Park, November 26; F. H. Geselbracht, W. Division St., December 3; D. Creighton, Christ, December 24; in 1907, G. E. Young, Herscher, February 4; Albert A. Phanstiehl, Highland Park, February 4; M. Grigsby, Roseland Central, March 4; R. E. Nye, Elwood, and J. W. McGowan, Wilmington, April 8; W. T. Wilcox, Eighth, and G. B. Safford, Fifty-second, May 6; S. M. Campbell, Evanston, Second, May 20; Wm. J. McCaughan, Third, June 3; G. Dugan, Fullerton Ave., September 2.

Churches Received—Providence, Drexel Park, Hope, Marlboro, from Chicago (A) Presbytery, August 31, 1907.

Licentiates—W. B. Cooper, Jefferson Park; D. C. Truesdale, Oak Park, First; H. F. Allen.

Candidates—M. E. Anderson, F. E. Allemong, T. W. Graham, C. R. Longbrake, C. S. Ogilvie, H. I. Parrott, Ward Waters, of Second Church; J. Barnes, Evanston, First; A. M. E. Casswell; A. C. Esman, Edgewater; A. E. Lehman and C. E. Steckel, Olivet; C. F. Elfeld, Covenant; D. W. Terry, Third; G. H. Gross, Roseland, Central; J. J. Hereen and W. J. [illegible] Hyde Park; C. F. [illegible]

Ewing Presbytery consists of the ministers and churches within the counties of Clay, Richland, Lawrence, Wabash, Edwards, Wayne, Jefferson, Washington, Perry, Franklin, Hamilton, White, and Marion, including the minister and church of Centralia.

CHAIRMEN OF PERMANENT COMMITTEES.

Home Missions—Rev. Lemuel J. Hawkins, Bridgeport.
Foreign Missions—Rev. Samuel E. Taylor, Fairfield.
Christian Education—Rev. L. D. Beck, Bethany.
Ministerial Relief—Rev. Z. F. Walker, Xenia.
Youth of the Church—Rev. L. D. Lasswell, Enfield.
Spiritual Life of the Church—Rev. J. C. Christie, Carmi.
Systematic Beneficence—Rev. A. G. Parker, Olney.
Church Erection—Rev. S. L. Roper, Norris City.
Sabbath Observance and Temperance—Rev. J. W. Knott, Iola.
American Bible and Tract Societies—Rev. J. L. Hughey, Norris City.

Ministers Received—Ewing Presbytery was constituted September 17, 1907, with the following ministers: W. H. Templeton, J. W. Knott, Geo. J. E. Richards, S. E. Taylor, J. B. Pomeroy, L. J. Hawkins, W. B. Lile,

C. H. Miller, Wm. Davidson, J. H. Piper, A. G. Parker, L. M. Scroggs, H. D. Miller, from the Presbytery of Cairo; Z. T. Walker, H. C. Bird, L. D. Beck, E. B. Surface, S. U. Leinbach, G. M. Abney, John Welsh, L. D. Lasswell, Wm. J. Whitsett and Newton Cavens, from Mt. Vernon; F. P. Wilson, J. L. Hughey, J. T. McQuay, from former Cumberland Presbyterian Ewing Presbytery; N. L. New, from Foster; John C. Christie, from Indianapolis.

Ministers Dismissed—Wm. Davidson, to Dubuque Presbytery, and Newton Cavens, to Niobrara, September 17, 1907.

Churches Received—Ewing Presbytery was constituted September 17, 1907, with the following churches: Carmi, Centralia, DuQuoin, Fairfield, Flora, Friendsville, Galum, Gilead, Kell, Lawrenceville, Mt. Carmel, Mt. Olivet, Mt. Vernon, Nashville, Odin, Olney, Pisgah, Richland, Sumner, Tamaroa, Wabash, from Cairo Presbytery; Albion, Burnt Prairie, Calvin, Crossville, Elm River, Enfield, Good Hope, Flora, Grayville, Kinmundy, Liberty, Mt. Moriah, Mt. Nebo, Mt. Vernon, New Bethel, Patoka, Salem, Union, Zion, from Mt. Vernon; Broughton, McLeansboro, Mt. Oval, Mt. Olive, Norris City, Oak Grove, Union, Union Ridge, from Ewing. The union of the two churches at Mt. Vernon and at Flora was perfected.

Licentiate—Loren E. Brubaker, of the New Bethel Church, Salem.

Stated Meetings—Third Tuesday of April and September.

REV. S. U. LEINBACH, *Stated Clerk.*

and such part of Ogle as lies west of the third principal meridian.

CHAIRMEN OF PERMANENT COMMITTEES.

Home Missions—Rev. John Henry Boose, Rockford.

Foreign Missions—Rev. Daniel E. Williamson, Rockford.

Education—Rev. R. M. Crissman, Elizabeth.

Youth of the Church—C. C. Miller, Marengo.

Spiritual Life of the Church—Rev. B. L. Britten, Belvidere.

General Church Work—Rev. John N. Strain, Warren.

Ministers Received—S. M. Crissman, from Chicago Presbytery; J. N. Strain, Peoria, and Thomas McGregor, Aberdeen, April 16, 1907; H. M. Markley, Rock River, May 23, 1907; C. O. Shirey, White Water, September 18, 1907; Geo. A. McAllister, Milwaukee.

Ministers Dismissed—W. R. Shelt, to Logansport Presbytery, December 5; F. A. Hosmer, Chicago, December 21; Theodore Balcoff, Ottawa, December 19; R. D. Kearns, Flint, December 29, 1906; John Van de Erve, Chicago, April 17, 1907; S. L. McAmis, Black Hills, September 18, 1907.

Dropped from the Roll—K. S. Miller, Unitarian.

Installed—J. N. Strain, over the Warren church, May 7, 1907; H. M. Markley, Freeport, Second, May 23, 1907; Geo. A. McAllister, Galena South, October 1, 1907.

Pastorates Dissolved—W. R. Shelt, Ridgefield Church, December 5, 1906; F. A. Hosmer, Freeport, Second, December 21, 1906; R. D. Kearns, Warren, December 29, 1907; J. S. Braddock, Middle Creek, June 27, 1907.

Ministers Deceased—J. H. Nesbit, February 5, 1907, aged 72; Lorenzo M. Gates, March 31, 1907, aged 75.

Church Disbanded—Freeport, Third, German, April 16, 1907.

Candidates—John W. Chase, Paul E. Ratch and Earl Cheek, of the Hanover Church; Floyd Barr, Dakota Church.

Stated Meetings—Third Tuesday of April and September, 7.30 p.m.

JOHN HENRY BOOSE, *Stated Clerk.*

222 S. Second St., Rockford, Ill.

7—MATTOON.

Mattoon Presbytery consists of the ministers and churches in the counties of Shelby, Moultrie, Edgar, Coles, Clark Cumberland, Fayette, Effingham, Jasper, Crawford and such part of Christian as lies east of the third principal meridian.

CHAIRMEN OF PERMANENT COMMITTEES.

Home Missions and Freedmen—Rev. E. B. Landis, Neoga.

Foreign Missions—Rev. Ira W. Allen, Jr., Paris.

Education and College Board—Rev. S. P. Taylor, Charleston.

Ministerial Relief—Rev. E. M. Martin, Mattoon.

Publication and Sunday School Work and Young People's Society—Rev. G. H. Turner, Mattoon.

Church Erection—Rev. A. R. Brown, Toledo.

Sabbath Observance and Temperance—Rev. J. F. Rogers, Assumption.

Evangelism—Rev. W. T. Angus, Vandalia.

Systematic Beneficence—Rev. W. W. Wilson, Oakland.

Ministers Received—Ira W. Allen, Jr., from Los Angeles Presbytery, and Wm. T. Angus, Chicago, October 9, 1906; Edgar C. Lucas, Kalamazoo, December 5, 1906; Martin C. Stonecipher, Cairo, and Alcephas R. Brown, Mt. Vernon, April 16, 1907; Henry Love, Ottawa, April 17, 1907; Joseph F. Rogers, Springfield, September 20, 1907; Wm. W. M. Barber, Wm. L. Atkinson, A. B. McDavid, Thos. B. Haynie, Geo. H. Turner, from Decatur; W. H. Wilson, J. W. Derr, S. A. Hughart, Jonathan Williams, J. D. Reeder, B. F. Lawrence, J. W. McKinney, L. G. Barnes, S. P. Taylor, from Foster, by the Union.

Ministers Dismissed—In 1906, Samuel W. Patterson, to Crawfordsville Presbytery, November 7; in 1907, Wm. J. Caldwell, Bloomington; Wilson W. Tait, Hastings, March 18; Herbert A. Bradford, Ottawa, July 12; Edward P. Rankin and Clarence E. Campbell, Springfield, by readjustment of lines; Chas. H. Ticknor, Peoria, September 17; Samuel M. Morton, New Albany, September 18.

Ordained—Clarence E. Campbell, May 21, 1907.

Installed—In 1906, Ira W. Allen, Paris, October 9; Edwin M. Martin, Mattoon, First, December 6; Edgar C. Lucas, Arcola, December 13; in

1907, Clarence E. Campbell, Taylorville, May 21; Acelphas R. Brown, Toledo, June 25; Wm. T. Angus, Vandalia, April 30; Edgar C. Lucas, Bethel, September 24.

Church Organized—White Hall, post office address, Neoga, Ill., organized May 18, 1907, with twenty-five charter members.

Churches Received—By Union and readjustment of boundaries, Shiloh, Lerna, Newman, Rardin, Loxa, Union, LaFayette, Good Prospect, Ashmore (A), St. Omer, Charleston Central, Fairfield, Lebanon, New Providence (A), Willow Creek, McCown, Shepla, from Foster Presbytery; Windsor, Gays, Sullivan, Bethany, Mattoon Broadway, Woods Chapel, from Decatur; Farina, Kaskaskia, from Mt. Vernon; Oakland and Oakland (A) were united.

Churches Dismissed—Morrisonville and Taylorville, to Springfield, by readjustment of boundaries.

Candidates—Carroll J. Tucker, of Mattoon, First; Pearly Cooms, of Charleston, Central; J. N. Hackley, of Diona.

Stated Meetings—Second Tuesday in April, and third Tuesday in September, 7.30 p.m.

Rev. John A. Tracy, *Stated Clerk.*
Shelbyville, Ill.

8—OTTAWA.

The Presbytery of Ottawa consists of the ministers and churches in the counties of DeKalb, Kane, Kendall, Grundy, LaSalle, Putnam, Livingston, and such portions of Ogle, Lee, Marshall and Woodford as lie east of the third principal meridian, except that portion of Livingston county lying south of the northern boundary of Congressional Township No. 26, and the minister and church of El Paso in Woodford county, which shall remain in Bloomington Presbytery, and the townships of Braceville, Felix and Greenfield in Grundy county, which shall remain in Chicago Presbytery.

CHAIRMEN OF PERMANENT COMMITTEES.

Home Missions—Rev. George Dunlap, Waterman.
Foreign Missions—Rev. J. H. Stephenson, D.D., Kings.
Church Erection—Rev. Louis F. Cooper, Minonk.
Ministerial Relief—Rev. Henry Abraham, Morris.
Freedmen—Rev. J. D. McCaughtry, Ph.D., Streator.
Sunday School Work—Rev. D. K. Campbell, Ottawa.
College Board—Rev. Edwin Harris, Oswego.
Education—Rev. James G. Butler, Oswego.
Temperance—B. Robert Vonder Lippe, Earlville.
Systematic Beneficence—Rev. J. C. Haswell, D.D., Utica.
Young People's Work—Rev. Henry Hepburn, Aurora.
Men's Societies—Rev. C. J. Wilson, Grand Ridge.

Ministers Received—Stado Munneke, from Madison Presbytery, April 10, 1907; James A. Liggitt, Gerald D. Heuver and Louis F. Cooper, from Bloomington, by recasting of presbyterial boundary lines.

Minister Dismissed—Theodore H. Allen, to Peoria Presbytery, December 20, 1906.

Installed—Stado Munneke, Mendota, April 17, 1907.

Pastorate Dissolved—Theodore H. Allen, Mendota, December 20, 1906.

Churches Received—Pontiac, Wenona, Minonk, Reading and Cayuga, from Bloomington Presbytery.

Stated Meetings—First Tuesdays of April and S[illegible]

Rev. John S. Mar[illegible]

CHAIRMEN OF PERMANENT COMMITTEES.

Home Missions—Rev. Hugh Jack, Peoria.

Foreign Missions—Rev. W. I. Alexander, Toulon.

Education and Aid—Rev. J. G. Lowrie, Ipava.

Sunday School Work and Young People's Societies—Rev. B. Y. George, Elmwood.

Church Erection—Rev. J. A. Sankey, Peoria.

Ministerial Relief—Rev. A. A. Randall, Princeville.

Sabbath Observance and Temperance—Rev. B. Y. George, Elmwood.

Systematic Beneficence—Rev. T. H. Allen, Peoria.

Publication and American Bible and Tract Societies—Rev. T. Martin, Speer.

History and Biography—Rev. A. R. Mathes, Knoxville.

Narrative and Evangelistic Work—Rev. G. H. Silvius, Bethany.

Ministers Received—In 1907, H. W. Berger, Chicago; T. H. Allen, Ottawa, January 28; D. A. Newell, Chicago, February 22; Peter H. McIntosh, Central West Congregational Association, April 17; S. M. Campbell, Chicago, June 18; W. H. Kendall, St. Paul; D. W. McMillan, Cedar Rapids; J. R. Vance, Iowa City; Geo. H. Silvius, Decatur; Chas. H. Ticknor, Mattoon; Geo. R. Scroggs, Bloomington, September 18.

Ministers Dismissed—In 1907, F. C. Everitt, to Osborne Presbytery, January 28; J. N. Strain, Freeport; F. F. Dobson, Muncie, February 22; C. E. Alexander, Schuyler, March 28; J. W. Keller, New Jersey, August 21; A. D. Sutherland, Fort Wayne, September 17.

Installed—T. H. Allen, Peoria, Westminster; H. W. Berger, Henry, March 19, 1907; S. M. Campbell, Galesburg, September 11, 1907.

Pastorates Dissolved—F. C. Everitt, Delavan, January 28; J. N. Strain, Altona, and F. F. Dobson, Farmington, February 22; C. E. Alexander, Eureka, March 28, 1907.

Churches Received—Atlanta, Hopedale and Union, from Lincoln, and Table Grove from Rushville, Cumberland Presbyterian, April 17, 1907.

Candidates—Oscar Nelson, Ipava; Herrick Lee Todd, Peoria, Bethel; Ethan Allen Snively, Canton.

Stated Meetings—Third Tuesday in April and September.

ISAAC A. CORNELISON, *Stated Clerk.*

Washington, Ill.

10—ROCK RIVER.

Rock River Presbytery consists of the ministers and churches in the

Sunday School Work—Rev. J. L. Fleming, Lemont.

Church Erection—Rev. H. B. Allen, Aledo.

Relief—Rev. R. E. Fleming, Alexis.

Freedmen—Rev. J. M. Tidball, Hamlet.

Aid for Colleges—Rev. J. T. Fulton, Alexis.

Systematic Beneficence—Rev. W. C. Crofts, Millersburg.

Narrative—Rev. N. W. Thornton, Millersburg.

Young People's Societies—Rev. Chas. G. Richards, Sterling.

Evangelistic Work—Rev. S. S. Cryor, Dixon.

American Bible Society—Rev. Chas. S. West, Ladd.

Temperance—Rev. Marion Humphreys, Rock Island.

Pastoral Relation—Rev. W. S. Marquis, Rock Island.

Presbyterian Brotherhood—Rev. Chas. E. Fisk, Viola.

Ministers Received—Foster A. Smiley, from Cedar Rapids Presbytery, and Edgar L. Combs, from Neosho, February 18, 1907; Wm. G. Oglevee, Iowa, September 11, 1907.

Ministers Dismissed—Albert B. Minamyer, to Kittaning Presbytery, November 13, 1906; Isaac S. Simpson, Schuyler, February 18, 1907; Harry M. Markley, Freeport, May 14, 1907; Theodore T. Koopman, Iowa, and J. Findlay Malcolm, Paris, Ontario, September 10, 1907; Charles M. Robb, Dubuque, October 1, 1907.

Installed—Foster A. Smiley, Geneseo, February 18, 1907; Lewis C. Voss, Woodhull, May 7, 1907; Edgar L. Combs, Peniel and Joy, April 18, 1907; Wm. C. Crofts, Morrison, June 11, 1907; Norbury W. Thornton, Keithsburg, October 9, 1907.

Pastorates Dissolved—A. B. Minamyer, Woodhull, November 13, 1906; L. C. Voss, Garden Plain and Newton, March 20, 1907; Wm. C. Crofts, Millersburg, and Harry M. Markley, Princeton, May 14, 1907; Jesse M. Tidball, Hamlet and Perryton, September 11, 1907; Chas. M. Robb, Center, October 1, 1907.

Candidate—Wm. O. Talbot, Rock Island, Central.
Stated Meetings—Second Tuesdays in April and September.
HARRY B. ALLEN, *Stated Clerk.*

Home Missions—Rev. E. M. Clingan, Quincy.
Foreign Missions—Rev. W. R. King, Monmouth.
Education—Rev. H. Frank Reid, Macomb.
Sunday School—Rev. J. M. Thompson, Warsaw.
Church Erection—Rev. Geo. T. Griscell, Perry.
Ministerial Relief—Rev. W. A. Hutchison, Augusta.
Freedmen—Rev. L. B. Dye, Bardolph.
Colleges—Rev. A. A. Pratt, Bardolph.
Temperance and Sabbath—Rev. A. T. Huber, McComb.
Systematic Beneficence—Rev. J. A. Johnston, Rushville.
Narrative—Rev. W. T. Reynolds, Camp Point.
Young People—Rev. C. E. Alexander, Bushnell.
Bibles and Tracts—Rev. I. S. Simpson, Pontoosuc.
Presbyterian Brotherhood—Rev. S. R. Boyd, Kirkwood.
Evangelistic—Rev. J. Frank Young, Carthage.

Ministers Received—In 1907, C. E. Alexander, Peoria; I. S. Simpson, St. Johns, Canada, April 9; Geo. F. McAfee, New York, April 10; J. N. Steele, Sedalia; W. S. Harold, Kirksville; R. H. Boteler, Winnebago; H. Frank Reid, Milwaukee; H. W. Stillman, Waterloo, September 18; Benjamin Berryhill, D. H. Barnwell, O. W. Dyer, S. A. Teague, E. V. Headen, from Rushville (A), by the Union.

Ministers Dismissed—In 1906, S. W. Huffer, to Whitewater, November 26; John Steele, Santa Barbara, January 3; J. L. Hartsook, Bloomington, March 7; H. Nelson Hall, Duluth, April 10; L. W. Gade, Cincinnati, September 18; J. K. Bliss, Crawfordsville, September 18.

Ordained—H. Nelson Hall, April 10, 1907.

Installed—C. E. Alexander, Bushnell, May 10, 1907.

Pastorates Dissolved—S. W. Huffer, Clayton, November 26, 1906; John Steele, Bethel, January 3, 1907; J. L. Hartsook, Camp Creek, March 7, 1907; A. F. Wittenberger, Oquawka, September 18, 1907.

Ministers Deceased—W. R. Stewart, January 13, 1907, aged sixty-one years; Geo. F. McAfee, D.D., August 4, 1907, aged sixty-seven years, ten months.

Churches Received—Mt. Carmel, Argyle, Sugar Creek, West Prairie, Biggsville, Duncan Chapel, Mt. Horeb, Point Pleasant, Good Hope, from

former Rushville Presbytery. The two Good Hope churches united into one.

Licentiate—Fred A. Johnson, Bethel Church, Hamilton.

Candidates—H. Russell Browne, Mt. Sterling; Homer M. Campbell,

Springfield Presbytery consists of the ministers and churches in the counties of Cass, Menard, Macon, Sangamon, Morgan, Scott, and such portion of Christian as lies west of third principal meridian and such portions of Logan and Mason as lie south of the line between Townships 20 and 21, north, and the church and minister of Cisco in Piatt.

CHAIRMEN OF PERMANENT COMMITTEES.

Home Missions—Rev. W. H. Penhallegon, Decatur.

Foreign Missions—Rev. Geo. C. Lenington, Virginia.

Education—Rev. J. E. Rogers, Springfield.

Sunday School Work—Rev. J. W. McDonald, Decatur.

Church Erection—Rev. J. E. Foster, Orleans.

Ministerial Relief—Rev. J. W. Elder, Argenta.

Freedmen—Rev. W. F. Gibson, Winchester.

College Board—Rev. A. P. Higley, Springfield.

Temperance—Rev. M. C. Cockrum, Decatur.

Systematic Beneficence—Rev. E. M. Dill, Mason City.

Young People's Societies—Rev. C. E. Campbell, Taylorville.

Bible Society—Rev. E. P. Rankin, Morrisonville.

Tract Society—Rev. E. C. Pires, Divernon.

Ministers Received—Adelbert P. Higley, from Huron Presbytery, December 20, 1906; in 1907, U. G. Evans, DesMoines, April 10; E. P. Rankin and C. E. Campbell, Mattoon, August 31; N. M. Baker, E. W. Doran, J. E. Ennis, J. S. Keener, J. W. McDonald, J. C. Wozencraft, C. F. Record, C. E. Hayes, M. C. Cockrum, W. S. Neeley, H. L. Latham, A. B. McDavid, Decatur Presbytery; J. M. Forbis, C. C. Keown, H. B. Tuttle, I. B. McAmis and H. W. Sears, from Lincoln; A. R. Allison, W. G. Archer, J. T. Cherry, J. L. Crawford, J. W. Elder, G. G. Hudson, J. M. Johnston, H. G. McVicker, J. W. Mays, W. C. Shaffer, G. W. Williams, Edw. Worth and J. L. Wyatt, from Sangamon, by the Union.

Ministers Dismissed—Geo. Lockhart, Brandon, May 16; J. F. Rogers, Mattoon, September 17, 1907.

Ordained—Chas. M. Eames and J. N. McDonald, May 16, 1907.

Pastorates Dissolved—C. M. Brown, Jacksonville, June 30, 1907.

Minister Deceased—David G. Bradford, August 28, 1907, aged eighty-two.

Churches Received—All by the union and readjustment—Morrisonville and Taylorville, from Mattoon; Argenta, Bethlehem, Madison, North

Fork, Decatur, Mt. Zion, Shady Grove, New Hope and Blue Mound, from Decatur; Lincoln, Lincoln Hill, Beason, from Lincoln; Rock Creek, Irish Grove, Sugar Creek, Greenview, Smyrna, Petersburg Main St., Virginia Central, Lebanon, Concord, Sangamon Bottom, Auburn, Arenzville, Tallula, Fancy Prairie, Shiloh, Providence, New Holland, from Sangamon.

Licentiates—Geo. W. McDivett, Loami; Edgar S. Hill and W. R. Cremeans, Lincoln.

Candidates—W. A. Freidinger, Springfield, First; Geo. W. White and Herbert A. McKean, Unity; Hardy D. Trickye, Winchester; John Lyons and Alex. Long, Decatur, First; W. Lin Hurie, Rock Creek; Earl Bryant, Decatur; Bird New.

Stated Meetings—Second Tuesday of April and third Tuesday of September.

REV. GEO. C. LENINGTON, *Stated Clerk.*

Virginia, Ill.

Total Cumberland Presbyterian Ministers Received 107
Total Cumberland Presbyterian Churches Received 167

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS OF THE SYNOD OF ILLINOIS,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 1, 1907.

PRESBYTERY.	Ministers Received	Ministers Dismissed and Dropped	Ministers Deceased	Installations	Ordinations	Pastorates Dissolved	Licentiates	Candidates	Local Evangelists	Whole Number of Ministers	Churches Disbanded and Dismissed.	Churches Organized and Received	Church Edifices Built	Manses Acquired	Churches with Pastors and P. E.	Churches with Supplies	Churches Vacant	Whole Numbers of Churches	Whole Number of Members	Whole Number of S. S. Members.	STATED CLERKS.
Alton	20	6	..	5	..	4	..	6	2	48	..	12	..	..	25	28	11	64	6784	7797	Walter H. Bradley
Bloomington	25	9	1	11	1	6	..	2	..	67	6	22	1	..	35	20	15	70	9037	7992	Geo. R. Smith
Cairo	18	21	1	2	..	1	..	1	..	27	22	37	1	1	8	24	21	53	3929	2963	F. E. Birkett
Chicago	25	19	.	12	6	14	3	20	..	168	..	4	4	..	73	12	12	97	28577	29950	James Frothingham
Ewing	28	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	26	..	46	..	..	12	10	25	48	3680	3632	S. U. Leinbach
Freeport	6	7	2	3	..	4	..	4	..	32	1	..	..	..	19	5	5	29	5129	3982	John Henry Boose
Mattoon	21	8	..	7	..	..	..	3	..	45	2	26	..	..	14	35	10	58	6700	6110	John. H. Tracy
Ottawa	4	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	26	..	5	..	1	16	5	6	27	4345	3828	John. S. Martin
Peoria	11	6	..	3	..	4	..	3	..	41	..	4	..	..	22	12	7	41	6259	5175	I. A. Cornelison
Rock River	3	6	..	5	..	6	..	1	..	33	..	..	..	2	18	6	12	36	5600	5411	Harry. B. Allen
Rushville	13	6	2	3	1	4	1	3	..	43	..	8	3	..	13	27	11	51	6649	5455	A. F. Ernst
Springfield	34	2	1	..	2	1	3	9	..	61	..	31	1	1	18	30	14	62	8837	7757	Geo. C. Lenington
Total	208	93	7	52	10	45	8	52	2	617	31	195	10	6	273	214	149	636	95526	90062	

STATISTICAL REPORT SYNOD OF ILLINOIS (A.)

PRESBYTERIES.	Ministers Received	Ministers Dismissed	Ministers Deceased	Installations	Ordinations	Pastorates Dissolved	Licentiates	Candidates	Whole No. Ministers	Churches Disbanded	Churches Organized, etc.	Church Edifices Built	Manses Acquired	Churches with Pastors	Churches with Supplies	Churches Vacant	Whole No. Churches	Whole No. Members	Whole No. S. S. Members	STATED CLERKS.
Chicago	1	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	3	2	5	5	674	1030	A. H. Stephens
Decatur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	..	..	..	..	3	11	1	15	1803	1362	J. S. Keener
Peoria	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	1	..	23	2	2	25	1372	1250	Z. W. Young
Foster	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	20	1	..	..	..	..	16	18	37	2014	2200	L. D. Hendrick
Illinois	2	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	13	..	..	..	..	3	17	3	20	1000	800	Ernest Jenkins
Lincoln	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	1	..	..	..	1	5	6	12	1573	1426	G. A. Wilson
Mt. Vernon	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	10	1	..	..	..	1	7	10	18	1000	900	S. U. Leinbach
Rushville	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	7	787	923	E. V. Hayden
Sangamon	..	2	..	..	..	..	3	..	13	..	..	..	..	..	17	4	17	1187	1001	J. Elder
Vandalia	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	10	..	..	..	..	2	10	3	15	1040	1295	W. P. Baker
Total	7	14	1	3	..	2	4	5	112	3	..	1	2	13	115	..	175	12431	12086	

X.—LIST OF CHURCHES, NUMBER OF ELDERS AND CLERKS OF SESSIONS

PRESBYTERY OF ALTON.

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
9	Alton, First	S. R. McClure
4	Alton, 12th St	C. E. Freeman
4	Baldwin	Wm. Wilson
4	Belleville	S. P. Hyde
3	Bethalto	Harry Duffey
3	Bethel	W. F. Dressor, Reno
4	Blair	T. J. McBride
5	Brighton	W. H. Hart
3	Butler	Geo. W. Dryer
6	Carlinville	W. T. Brown
4	Carlyle	C. P. Norris
6	Carrollton	G. W. Davis
5	Chester	M. C. Crissey
7	Coffeen	B. F. Pierce
3	Collinsville	R. S. Reed
4	Donnellson	H. C. Hawkins
6	East St. Louis, First	H. J. Buerki
3	East St. Louis, Second	W. M. Stewart
2	East St. Louis, Bond Ave.	W. E. Archibald, D.D.
2	East St. Louis, Winstanley Park	W. A. Flett
3	Ebenezer	J. W. Harry, Rockwood
6	Edwardsville	J. H. Glass
5	Girard	D. M. Foster
6	Granite City	J. R. Reintges
6	Greenfield	W. A. Saylor
12	Greenville	S. Curtis White
4	Hardin	Wm. M. Fisher
8	Hillsboro	J. O. Fisher
7	Irving	Baxter Williams
8	Jerseyville	Geo. H. Van Horne
1	Kampsville	C. P. Becker
2	Lebanon	S. F. Flint
4	Liberty Prairie	E. A. Lanterman, Edwardsville
7	Litchfield	J. R. Paisley
3	Madison	Louis Baer
3	Maple Grove	N. A. Hughey, Donnellson
4	Moro	A. H. Smith
4	Nokomis	Wm. Taylor
4	Palmyra	A. Allen
3	Raymond	Dr. W. H. Mercer
4	Rockwood	Sam P. Mann
3	Salem, German	Jacob Ratz, Bethalto, R. F. D.
5	Sorento	Imbert H. Denny
12	Sparta	James Gordon, Sr.
3	Spring Cove	H. B. Warner, Challacombe
5	Staunton	Harvey Stroud
3	Steelville	J. M. Montgomery
2	Sugar Creek	E. Bryan, Trenton, R. F. D.
3	Summit Grove	D. S. H. Nevius, Kampsville
3	Trenton	Dr. A. W. Carter
3	Troy	Dr. F. M. Zanders
2	Unity	W. H. Steele, Rockwood
5	Upper Alton	Walter H. Bardley
8	Virden, First	J. M. Furry
2	Virden, North	Andrew McIlvaine
2	Walnut Grove	H. D. Burruss, Carrollton, R. F. D.
2	Walnut Hill	J. J. Loney, Rockwood
3	Walshville	Layton Barlow
2	Waveland	J. A. Clotfelter, Hillsboro
5	White Hall	Charles Richert,
3	Witt	Aaron Platt
3	Woodburn, German	Jacob Ratz, Bethalto, R. F. D.
1	Yankeetown	John Anderson, Sr., Prairie du Rocher
2	Zion, German	Jacob Ratz, Bethalto, R. F. D.

BLOOMINGTON PRESBYTERY

3	Allerton	A. C. Thullberry, Homer, Ill.
	Alvin	C. A. Peterson
7	Bement	L. H. Alvord
7	Bloomington, First	Wm. Maxwell
11	Bloomington, Second	C. C. Marquis
	Bethel	J. D. Prater, Humrick, Ill.
5	Catlin	A. B. Church

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
8	Champaign	Geo. W. Harwood
3	Cerro Gordo	
	Chatsworth	
6	Chenoa	E. P. Holderness
3	Clarence	J. C. Smith, Rankin, R. F. D.
8	Clinton	W. B. Rundle
1	Colfax	J. J. Wiley
3	Cooksville	J. C. Wilson, Jr.
4	Danvers	G. T. Williams
9	Danville, First	C. T. Yoemans
3	Danville, Second	John Coyle
5	Danville, Immanuel	A. L. Rice
6	Danville, Bethany	Wm. Kraul
4	Danville, Olivet	O. R. Shankland
4	DeWitt	Asa Wilson
3	Downs	G. G. Dooley
	Elm Grove	J. E. Britton, Clinton, R. F. D.
5	El Paso	Geo. Shuman
6	Fairbury	Chas. Keck
3	Fairmount	A. J. Leitzbach
	Farmer City	
	Georgetown	Allen Golden
6	Gibson City	O. H. Damon
2	Gilman	Henry Harris
5	Heyworth	A. V. Hageman
3	Highland	Ernest Guthrie, Hastings, Ill.
4	Homer	J. C. White
8	Hoopeston	M. A. Boardman
3	Jersey	John Odell, Fisher, R. F. D.
7	Leroy	Frank Dolly
7	Lexington	W. R. Mahan
	Liberty	
3	Mahomet	J. W. Herriott, Jr.
5	Mansfield	E. S. Cunningham
6	Monticello	C. J. Baer
2	Mt. Carmel	Walter Nichols, Heyworth, R. F. D.
3	Mt. Pisgah	Luther Glick, Georgetown, Ill.
7	Mt. Pleasant	Thos. Glenn, Stanford, R. F. D.
5	Normal	A. E. Stout
	Olive Branch	
7	Onarga	H. M. Wilcox
3	Paxton	E. Given
6	Philo	S. S. Love
5	Pleasant Ridge	G. H. Taylor, Fairmount, Ill.
8	Piper City, First	W. O. McKinney
3	Piper City, Second	Jacob Ehresman, Roberts, R. F. D.
4	Prairie View	J. H. Noble, Savoy, R. F. D.
4	Rankin	J. S. Hewins
10	Ridge Farm	J. C. Jones
6	Rossville	Geo. Maury
4	Sheldon	R. Ross
	Selma	
3	Sidney	C. T. Helm
	Sheridan	J. A. Jackson, Sidell, Ill.
6	Tolono	T. M. Salisbury
2	Towanda	G. W. Peterson
6	Urbana	Prof. T. A. Clark
6	Watseka	L. B. Segur
6	Waynesville	W. H. Finfrock
6	Wellington	W. V. Doan
	Westville	
	Yankee Point	John Fortune, Ridge Farm Ill.

PRESBYTERY OF CAIRO.

5	Anna	F. A. Sabin
6	Ava	Matt. Wright
	Bethany	Joseph Baker, Holmes
	Bethlehem	Geo. Walter, Brownfield
5	Cairo	M. Easterday
4	Campbell Hill	J. M. Hanna
8	Carbondale	J. M. Johnson
4	Carterville	H. M. Richart
	Central	W. Jenkins, Crossville
5	Cobden	H. A. DuBois
	Concord	Mrs. Emma Rose, Vienna, R. D. 3
	County Line	Mrs. Louella Kerley, Flatswood
	Ebenezer	Wm. F. Searles, West End
	Ebenezer	John Hood Lick Creek
3	El Dorado	H. W. Wilson
4	Equality	T. A. Davis
	Galatia	John Dudley
	Gilead	Miss Sarah Trigg, Simpson
4	Golconda	D. G. Thompson
	Good Hope	John Reiner, Karber's Ridge
2	Grand Tower	J. W. Davies
3	Harrisburg	W. P. Hallock
2	Herrin	
	Latham Springs	P. Y. Veach, Vienna
	Lebanon	C. R. Harris, Cornerville

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
	Liberty	Gilbert Barnett, Buncombe
4	Metropolis	C. P. Treat
	Mt. Hebron	Jeff. Coleman, Oakville
	Mt. Olive	G. W. Smith, Omaha
	Mt. Pleasant	W. F. Rumage, Marion
	Mt. Sterling	M. K. Bennet Unionville
4	Murphysboro	J. H. Delano
3	New Haven	F. M. Davis
	New Hope	Ernest Gibson, Goreville
	New Liberty	G. W. Whiteside, Eddyville
	New Prospect	Chas. Rhine, El Dorado
4	Oak Grove	J. B. Hale, Cottonwood
	Old Home	Mrs. M. I. Rumsey, Eddyville
	Palestine	H. P. Blackard, Omaha
	Palestine	
4	Pisgah	J. W. Rogers, Junction
3	Pleasant Grove	Z. W. Young, El Dorado
	Pleasant Hill	Mrs. Mary S. Barger, Eddyville
	Pleasant Ridge	
	Providence	A. J. Arnold. Stone Fort
5	Ridgeway	R. G. Hemphill
	Ringold	Geo. Joyce, Raleigh
	Saline Mines	James Rose
4	Shawneetown	Carl Roedel
	Sulphur Springs	J. C. Lands, Golconda
	Union	J. C. Boldujack, Norris City
	Union	
3	Union Chapel	H. D. Rigel, Harrisburg

PRESBYTERY OF CHICAGO.

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
3	Arlington Heights	S. E. Pate
11	Austin	Wm. A. Dean
6	Avondale	Axel B. Paulsen
12	Belden Ave.	J. W. McLean
5	Berwyn	A. J. Dunham
5	Bethany	Adam Spears
2	Braidwood	A. A. Pawling
3	Brighton Park	R. Collinge
9	Brookline	Peter Storms
4	Buckingham	H. S. Randall
5	Buena Memorial	A. Stevenson
5	Cabery	Ruben C. Breneisa
6	Calvary	J. B. Kerr
7	Campbell Park	H. W. Allen
6	Central Park	Briggs G. Fay
12	Chicago, First	H. H. Munger
11	" Second	Henry M. Ralston
26	" Third	Theron T. Childs
8	" Fourth	Wm. M. Smith
9	" Sixth	Watson Platner
6	" Seventh	Edgar O. Burton
9	" Eighth	F. W. Main
5	" Ninth	J. R. Anderson
6	" Tenth	W. Groundwater
4	" Eleventh	James Shredden
11	" 41st St.	W. L. Moss
6	" 52d Ave.	M. M. Johnstone
4	" Heights	J. S. Caskey
8	Christ	H. E. Snyder
9	Covenant	Edw. A. Halsey
3	Deerfield	Wm. W. Clark
4	Douglass Park	Robert Peel
7	Drexel Park	T. W. Lunt
5	Du Page	Geo. C. Boardman
8	Edgewater	E. J. Holden
4	Elwood	Wm. F. Keith
6	Elmer Ave	Alex. McDougall
4	Endeavor	A. B. Roer
12	Englewood	J. Strachan
14	Evanston, First	Wm. P. Turner
6	Evanston, Second	J. W. Griffin
2	Faith	W. H. Robertson
7	Fullerton Ave.	Robt. Koehler
4	Gardner	Winfield S. Allison
4	Garfield Boul.	J. L. S. Hall
3	Grace	Stuart D. Fowler
3	Harvey	Joel E. Field
4	Herscher	Paul Weber
6	Highland Park	R. W. Patton
4	Hinsdale	T. W. Sweezey
3	Homewood	Wm. Cone
4	Hope	T. M. Brumfield
14	Hyde Park	A. H. Rugg
6	Immanuel	G. S. McConnell
1	Itasca	Edwin O. Nichols
2	Italian	Filippo Grilli
11	Jefferson Park	T. F. Keber
12	Joliet Central	E. C. Puddicomb
9	Joliet, First	F. E. Marsh
4	Joliet, Second	E. Van Fleet
4	Joliet, Willow Ave	W. H. Bryant
9	Kankakee	C. E. Holt
6	LaGrange	G. H. Bremmer

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
9	Lake Forest	A. C. Haven
4	Lake View	C. M. Williams
3	Libertyville	A. M. Casey
2	Logan Square	Walter Cox
5	Manteno	Edw. W. Hume
3	Marlboro	G. S. Monk
6	Maywood	J. A. Blakie
5	Miliard Ave.	R. H. Ewing
5	Morgan Park	R. B. Thomson
4	New Hope	
	Coal City	James Ross
9	Normal Park	J. K. Brittain
9	Oak Park	L. A. Bowman
6	Oak Park, Second	Wm. H. Watt
4	Olivet Memorial	A. L. Rowe
4	Onward	Jno. J. Burrows
6	Peotone	H. P. Yung
4	Pullman	A. A. Chalcraft
6	Ravenswood	A. M. Hicks
6	Ridgway Ave.	E. Hendrickson
5	River Forest	W. B. Downs
3	Riverside	C. B. Beach
4	Roseland	John Madderom
6	Roseland Central	P. S. Sutcliffe
3	Scotch Westminster	Alex. Eunson
2	S. Chicago	Geo. H. Paine
4	So. Park	E. S. Stewart
3	So. Waukegan	H. M. Henry
7	St. Anne	E. C. Corkins
3	Waukegan	Jas. D. Skene
4	W. Division St.	I. M. Webster
4	Windsor Park	R. Kershaw
5	Wilmington	W. A. Pawling
12	Woodland Park	M. M. Jones
3	Zion	
	(Wheeling)	Emil Sigwalt

PRESBYTERY OF EWING.

7	Albion	C. S. Stewart
5	Bridgeport	C. M. Piper
3	Broughton	Roy Summers
	Burnt Prairie	Jas. Morrison
2	Calvin	Wm. C. Frost, Crossville
4	Carmi	C. S. Conger
8	Centralia	Dr. H. D. Buck
	Crossville	F. P. Potter
3	DuQuion	C. S. Smith
3	Elm River	E. R. McCracken, Jeffersonville
4	Enfield	J. E. Willis
3	Fairfield	John Keen, Jr.
6	Flora	C. E. Spillman
3	Friendsville	B. W. Lucas

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
6	Galum	F. P. Anderson, Pinckneyville
2	Gilead	Porter Craig, Sumner
	Good Hope	A. A. Southward Kinmundy
5	Grayville	W. J. Seil
3	Kell	M. C. Kell
3	Kinmundy	D. C. Beaver
4	Lawrenceville	F. W. Keller
3	Liberty	Louis Stein Grayville
4	McLeansboro	J. M. Weldon
6	Mt. Carmel	G. C. Kingsbury
4	Mt. Olivet	Wm. Eberhart, West Liberty
4	Mt. Moriah	Jas. Harmon, Ina
	Mt. Nebo	J. W. Sullivan, Bonnie
9	Mt. Vernon	Leo Warnell
	Mt. Oval	Guy Morris, Gossett
	Mt. Olive	G. W. Smith, Omaha
3	Nashville	W. B. Anderson
5	New Bethel	Ira Boynton, Iuka
4	Norris City	A. G. Black
2	Oak Grove	Wm. Williamson, Oakdale
3	Odin	John McMurray, Salem
8	Olney	J. N. Horner
	Patoka	John L. Simcox
5	Pisgah	T. H. Gutteridge, Bridgeport
5	Richland	Rufus Snively, Calhoun
8	Salem	A. R. Allmon
4	Sumner	H. H. Wagner
3	Tamaroa	J. W. Haines
3	Union	Millege DeBoard, Norris City
	Union	Jas. Wilson, Golden Gate
5	Union Ridge	Robt. Knight, Herald
5	Wabash	Chas. Andrews, Linn
5	Zion	J. W. Hartin, Xenia

PRESBYTERY OF FREEPORT.

3	Apple River	Jas. Charlton
8	Belvidere	E. T. Gage
4	Cedarville	H. Richart
3	Dakota	H. F. Barr
1	Elizabeth	F. M. Crissman
3	Forreston (Ger.)	J. Alberts
10	Freeport, First	E. B. Bidwell

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
6	Freeport, Second	W. C. Swanzey
3	Galena, First	J. S. Helm
3	Galena (Ger.)	C. Erbe
6	Galena, South	J. G. Crooks
4	Hanover	W. N. Miller
5	Harvard	Lee Anderson
	Lena	W. J. Dodds
6	Hebron	Wm. Rowbotham
6	Marengo	E. F. McKinney
3	Middle Creek	W. Bridgland
5	Oregon	Alpha Jones
3	Prairie Dell	F. H. Kroesche
		Shannon, R. F. D.
5	Ridgefield	L. A. Walkup
9	Rockford, First	W. J. Morgan
9	Rockford, Westminster	S. W. Walace
4	Savanna	E. Hammersmith
3	Scales, M'd	F. H. Bruechert, Schapville
5	Warren	G. W. Pepoon
10	Willow Creek	D. Picken, Argyle
6	Winnebago	W. I. Wells
3	Woodstock	Rev. S. C. Hay
3	Zion	Schapville. F. Bruechert

PRESBYTERY OF MATTOON.

3	Arcola	H. U. Potter
3	Ashmore	J. R. Guthrie
4	Ashmore (A)	W. H. Galbreath
4	Assumption	F. G. Mitchell
4	Beckwith Prairie	O. E. Jones, Duncanville
4	Bethany	E. G. Spence, Assumption, R. F. D. 1
1	Bethany (A)	W. H. Logan
4	Bethel	L. Wilkins, Arcola
3	Casey	G. F. Shimel
5	Charleston Cent.	W. E. Warsham
8	Charleston, First	I. B. Mitchell
2	Chrisman	John Mitchell
3	Dalton City	J. H. Uppendahl
6	Effingham	H. S. Parker
3	Fairfield	A. M. Kenney, Broadlands
3	Farina	J. W. Harris
4	Gays	J. M. Moore
	Good Prospect	E. E. Wood, Trilla
4	Grand View	C. C. Clapp, Dudley, R. F. D. 12
3	Greenup	L. A. Fisher
3	Kansas	C. A. Hite
	Kaskaskia	J. M. Green Shobonier
	LaFayette	Chas. Hildreth, Mattoon
	Lebanon	Elmer Gordon, Martinsville
6	Lerna	J. Will Walker
5	Loxa	G. C. Harmon
	McCown	Frank Knoll, Newman
6	Mattoon, Broadway	C. W. Kincaid
9	Mattoon, First	Frank Cox
4	Mt. Olivet	Wm. Eberhart, West Liberty
4	Moweaqua	Robt. B. Wilson
8	Neoga	S. F. Wilson
4	Newton	W. H. Prestley
5	Newman	A. S. Hawkins
3	New Providence.	W. A. Rowley, Vermillion, R. F. D. 33
	New Providence (A)	Chackley Bailiff, W. York
4	Oakland	
4	Palestine	Ira H. Bussard
9	Pana	E. M. Hybarger
8	Paris	Geo. H. Crowell
3	Pleasant Prairie	J. T. McDonald, Lerna
6	Rardin	Wm. F. Foley
5	Robinson	D. T. Harbison
3	St. Omer	J. F. Galbreath, Ashmore
5	Shelbyville	Geo. B. Rhoads
	Shepla	J. H. Haddock, Charleston
	Shiloh	J. E. Phipps, Janesville
5	Sullivan	W. G. Covey
4	Toledo	Chas. A. Willis
4	Tower Hill	A. A. Eiler
6	Tuscola	J. R. Cantrall
	Union	A. Walton, Hindsborough
5	Vandalia	T. N. Pitkin
3	Watson	Orison Reynolds
2	West Okaw	J. H. Baird, Bethany
	White Hall	Jasper Lacy Neoga, R. F. D.
	Willow Creek	T. M. Cooper, Martinsville
4	Windsor	C. H. Brunk, M.D.
	Woods Chapel	M. L. Kelly, Neoga

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.		
5	Aurora	Thos. B. Swan
5	Au Sable	C. S. Carpenter, Yorkville
3	Brookfield	J. J. Marsh, Marseilles
3	Earlville	D. L. Barnard
8	Elgin	Thomas Holmes
2	Florid	Milton Ford
12	Grand Ridge	F. H. Poundstone
3	Kings	A. L. Koukle
8	Mendota	Walter Black
	Meridian	Jas. McDowell
5	Minonk	J. A. Simpson
6	Morris	H. R. Walker
4	Oswego	G. M. Croushorn
6	Ottawa	J. L. Thomas
	Ottawa, So.	J. T. Cooley
3	Paw Paw	Robert Pogue
9	Pontiac	J. A. Caldwell
2	Reading	L. M. Tombaugh, Streator
6	Rochelle	C. J. McClymonds
6	Sandwich	W. W. Woodbury
9	Streator	D. G. Campbell
2	Troy Grove	A. C. McDowell
1	Union Grove	A. C. Moore, Granville
4	Waltham	D. A. Bennett, Utica
4	Waterman	W. H. McFarlane
PRESBYTERY OF PEORIA.		
2	Alta	Rev. Benj. Thos. Dunlap
5	Altona	J. W. McDeween
1	Astoria	J. H. Meredith
3	Banner	C. H. Northrup, Glasford
3	Brunswick	M. T. Graham, Trivoli
6	Canton	W. C. Sanders
2	Crow Meadow	F. N. Rood, LaRose
4	Delavan	A. Stubbs
5	Elmira	Geo. Rutherford, Toulon
6	Elmwood	J. D. Lyon
6	Eureka	G. W. Anthony
6	Farmington	Jno. Caldwell
2	French Grove	W. E. Reed, Brimfield
7	Galesburg	A. A. Sigsbee
3	Green Valley	S. S. Darling
5	Henry	J. A. Williams
4	Hopedale	J. C. Mickle
3	Ipava	C. S. S. Barrows
4	Peoria, Grace	E. M. Voornees
4	Peoria, Westminster	C. R. Kuhn
3	Pottstown	C. E. Miller
3	Princeville	Byron H. Wear
4	Prospect	Wm. A. Hervey, Dunlap
4	Salem	J. H. Parr, Mapleton
7	Table Grove	H. L. Story
3	Union	H. L. Gale, Atlanta
2	Vermont	Walter Wynn
4	Washington	I. A. Cornelison
8	Yates City	J. L. McKeighan

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3	Mt. Carmel	J. D. Carson, Colchester
	Mt. Horeb	R. L. Egmond Golden
4	New Salem	W. H. Laird, Maysville
4	Nauvoo, First	W. M. Haggett
3	Mt. Sterling	F. D. Crane
3	Olive, Mt. Sterling	W. B. Rigg
4	Oquawka	J. W. Gordon
2	Perry	Wm. H. Wilson
	Point Pleasant	Mrs. J. J. Boyd, Roseville
4	Pontoosuc	David Moyes
4	Plymouth	W. F. Ogilvie
4	Prairie City	Robt. Burden
8	Quincy, First	J. M. Welch
6	Rushville	H. B. Roach
4	Salem, German	John Figge, Warsaw
	Sugar Creek	William Kerr, Adair
	Warsaw	J. M. Thompson
	West Prairie	J. F. Sawyer, Vermont
1	Wythe, Warsaw	W. H. Jackson

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1	Argenta	W. H. Hartman
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1	Bates	Wm. Kerr
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	Blue Mound	D. M. McCluskey
1	Buffalo Hart	J. W. Richardson
2	Chatham	J. V. Lattner
1	Cisco	W. D. Ennis
1	Concord	Robt. Thompson, Petersburg
1	Decatur, First	E. S. McLelland
1	Decatur (A)	M. V. Lonergan
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4	Pawnee	S. D. Vangieson
5	Petersburg	S. Montgomery
7	Peterburg, Main St.	H. E. Wilkins
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4	Pleasant Plains	W. Hensley
3	Providence	Bethune Nisbet, Virginia
	Providence	J. W. Harris, Sangamon Co.
5	Rock Creek	C. W. Houghton, Petersburg
2	Sangamon Bottom	Angus Taylor, Virginia
3	Shady Grove	C. M. Boardman, Decatur
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3	Virginia	J. J. Bergen
6	Virginia, Central	G. F. Hillig
3	Williamsville	P. J. Telfer, Buffalo Hart
4	Winchester	Guy Faul

XI.—REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S SYNODICAL SOCIETY FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Secretary of Literature reports increased interest and co-operation in the dissemination of our worthy magazines; total number of Yearbooks taken, 560; of Woman's Work, 1,953; of Over Sea and Land, 1,189; of Study Classes, 125.

Delightfully optimistic reports have been received from the eleven presbyterial organizations this fall. Eight have gained in contributions, and the whole amount given during the year ending March 20 was $45,930.82, a gain of $10,631.16.

Chicago and Springfield have specially covered themselves with glory, the former having given in eleven months over $3,000 more than in the twelve months of last year; both have undertaken the support of additional missionaries, the society in Chicago that claimed that honor having trebled, within a few cents, its former gifts.

Study classes are steadily increasing in numbers, most of them being held in connection with the missionary societies, but a few hold evening meetings and include gentlemen.

Presbyterial meetings were every whit as interesting as in other years, an unusual number of missionaries being present to add both information and enjoyment.

We have every sort of incentive: the sense of success, the steady growth, the aroused interest of many of our younger women, as evidenced by the formation of Westminster Guilds, the spiritual blessings that have marked its progress, as, for example, the church in Peoria Presbytery, without either pastor or Sabbath school, kept up its Woman's Society, and, last winter, an accession of fifty-one to the list of its communicants; the greatness of the work still to be done; as the old proverb reads, "For the web begun God sends thread."

RECEIPTS FOR YEAR ENDING APRIL 20, 1907.

Alton	$ 889.30
Bloomington	4,364.02
Cairo	627.07
Chicago	27,429.00
Freeport	1,781.05
Mattoon	1,259.05
Ottawa	987.57
Peoria	2,149.00
Rock River	1,358.76
Schuyler	1,936.50

Springfield	3,071.50
Miscellaneous	78.00
Total	$45,930.82

RECEIPTS FOR SIX MONTHS ENDING OCTOBER, 1907.

Alton	$ 134.00
Cairo	32.70
Bloomington	961.78
Chicago	3,615.05
Freeport	288.09
Mattoon	211.00
Ottawa	88.13
Mt. Vernon	12.50
Peoria	639.00
Rock River	90.25
Schuyler	421.50
Springfield	709.40
	$7,253.40

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XII.—REPORT OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

Whether or not "all peoples" shall know and love our Savior depends on how well you and I do our work for Him. We should have first a personal consecration in the Master's service; then a deep realization of the need, and the importance of a personal responsibility for it.

In many of our Young People's Societies the interests are much scattered, the calls are many and varied, but "because of their increased zeal and their constant progress toward a fitness for the responsibilities which must be borne by them in the future," this work for and with our young people is a growing pleasure. Three hundred and twenty-four out of three hundred and seventy-three societies reported a membership of nearly nine thousand and gifts amounting to $5,240.59 from the Christian Endeavor Society; $1,324.29 from young woman's organizations and Bands—a total of $6,564.88.

Presbyterial Secretaries, as a rule, report that the interest is good.

Nearly all use the United Society Topics, which call for a missionary meeting once a month. Constant effort is being made to keep societies in closer touch with our own Presbyterian work, for the Christian Endeavorers have so many outside demands made upon them—causes good in themselves, but which ought to come *after* the work entrusted to our special care and not before.

Eighty-three missionary lectures and thirty-five study classes are reported, while some have used the text-books in connection with the monthly meetings, with great profit.

The subscriptions to the magazines remain about as last year.

Twenty-seven new societies are reported, several have been reorganized and seven disbanded, giving us at least a net gain of twenty. We feel that this increase is a helpful and hopeful sign of larger things yet to come.

Our Missionary Circle remains the same:

Dr. Blanche Stead	Persia
Miss Sherman	Japan
Mr. Bernheisel	Korea
Mrs. Swallen	Korea
Miss Buck	Laos.
Mrs. Fleming	India
Miss Jenks	India
Mr. Hyde	India
Mr. McGaw	India
Mr. Garvin	Chile
Mrs. Allison	Guatemala

The Young People's Society of Broadway Church, Rock Island, is rejoicing in the fact that one of its number, a member of the Missionary Committee, is under appointment to go to Korea to assist their missionary pastor, the Rev. Graham Lee. Mr. McMurtrie is to be retained as a member of the committee, thus giving him a close touch with the home church and the young people an added interest in the field.

A number of presbyteries held a very delightful Young People's Hour in connection with the spring meeting, and report an increased attendance of young people and added enthusiasm.

Rock River considered the topic, "My Responsibility in Regard to Mission Work," under four heads: "Prayer," "Study," "Giving," "Going."

Alton had more young women present than usual.

Mattoon enjoyed late news from Miss Buck, as given by "Enoy," a young Laos girl, in the costume of her adoptel country.

Bloomington rejoiced in the fact that their missionary, Mr. McGaw, had been made President of the United Society of Christian Endeavor in India.

Springfield worked to shed abroad "a knowledge of the fields."

Rushville worked to arouse interest, and had a "helpful and encouraging hour."

A few of our Young People's Secretaries have their reports printed in the daily paper, which make the value of it more far-reaching.

At one time during the Civil War, word came to President Lincoln saying that if a certain measure was pushed it would bring success and hasten the close of the war. The President's reply was: "Let it be pushed." To-day word comes to every branch of the Church in Illinois, saying that if the Foreign Mission cause is pushed now it will mean success and a speedier coming of that day when all shall know the Lord. Shall not the young people say: "Let it be pushed?" God opens the door of opportunity, and shall we fail to enter and possess the land?

I propose that we take November as *Rally Month;* that we strive to raise during the month an average of one dollar per member for Foreign Missions. Does it seem too great a thing to undertake? A little self-denial upon our part will accomplish it.

I suggest that societies report promptly December 1, and that a list of successful ones be published and sent throughout the Synod in January. Thus will we be able to provoke one another to good works. Let us pray much, and remember that twenty-five cents a week during November will bring the desired result.

Three things we will need:

Consecration, Inspiration and *Information.*

Let us pray that God will indeed make us willing to be used of Him; let us study our Bibles, that we may become "workmen approved;" let us seek out news of our various mission fields by means of the magazines, the text-books, the secular press, and letters; let us become acquainted with our missionaries by using the Yearbook of Prayer. Then will we begin to see and feel with the need of the heathen world as never before; then will we begin to realize what it means to be without Christ, and be eager to "redeem the time," hopefully working for and confidently expecting great things.

Young people of Illinois, "*Let it be pushed.*"

Respectfully submitted,

FANNY F. CLELAND, *Secretary.*

XIII.—TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S SYNODICAL SOCIETY OF HOME MISSIONS

Once more we come together in yearly council, rejoicing in our successes, encouraged and strengthened by increased love and consecration, knit together in closer bonds of Christian fellowship, with renewed courage and faith, hoping for still larger things in the future, for our iniquities have been forgiven, our diseases have been healed, our lives have been redeemed from destruction and crowned with loving-kindness and tender mercies; our mouths are satisfied with good things, our youth is renewed like the eagle's; therefore, "Bless the Lord, all ye hosts; bless

the Lord, O my soul." The pulse of our Presbyterial Societies can be felt through the letters of our faithful secretaries, and shows how increasingly dear the cause of Christ in the homeland is becoming to Illinois women.

Since our last meeting some boundary lines have been changed; our long-time friend, "Schuyler," becomes "Rushville," but we comfort ourselves with remembering that "a rose under any other name is just as sweet," and *know* that Rushville will continue Schuyler's good work. In the southern part of the State we have Ewing and Cairo Presbyteries, where formerly Cairo reigned alone. Our sisters of the Cumberland Church have joined our immediate family circle, much to our pleasure. The work of uniting and adjusting still goes on, the results of which will appear in the coming spring reports. The home work of the Cumberland Board has been confined to one group of schools in the mountains and some work among the Indians. To each Synodical in which there are societies of the former Cumberland Church, the support of a worker at Barnard, North Carolina, $500 (which included board and salary) has been apportioned, and all holders of scholarships will be expected to continue them.

The Board has recommended for our consideration the inauguration of a plan whereby those who, because of illness or home cares, are unable to attend the missionary meetings, may, through a Home Department, be kept in touch with the spirit of the regular missionary meeting, and asks for suggestions as to how this may be done.

Box Work.—The Board recommends that no second-hand clothing be sent to any teacher or missionary unless such clothing is especially requested; that, as far as possible, the contents of boxes be new, and that box valuations be kept simply as a matter of record in the Auxiliary Society and Box Department of the Board, no report of the same being made, either at Presbyterial or Synodical meeting.

Illinois specials for the present year are as follows:

$1,000 for Camp Mission, Utah—Bloomington Presbyterial.

$1,000 for Marshall Field—Chicago Presbyterial.

$500 for New Jersey Academy, Logan, Utah—Chicago Presbyterial.

$500 for Tucson School, Arizona—Chicago Presbyterial.

$1,700 for Mary Gregory Memorial, Anadarko, Oklahoma, as follows: Alton, $250; Cairo, $150; Freeport, $150; Mattoon, $300; Ottawa, $50; Peoria, $200; Rock River, $300; Rushville, $200; Springfield, $100.

$500 for Asheville Farm School, North Carolina, as follows: Ewing, $100; Ottawa, $200; Rushville, $200.

$500 for salary of teacher at Barnard, North Carolina, as follows: Alton, $25; Bloomington, $75; Cairo, $25; Chicago, $100; Ewing, $25; Freeport, $20; Mattoon, $30; Ottawa, $20; Peoria, $45; Rock River, $45; Rushville, $45; Springfield, $45.

Repair Fund.—$500 for Anadarko, Oklahoma, as follows: Alton, $15; Bloomington, $50; Cairo, $15; Chicago, $200; Ewing, $15; Freeport, $15;

Mattoon, $30; Ottawa, $15; Peoria, $40; Rock River, $35; Rushville, $35; Springfield, $35.

Support of student in school at Pittsburg, $125, as follows: Alton, $9; Bloomington, $16; Cairo, $5; Ewing, $5; Freeport, $13; Mattoon, $13; Ottawa, $9; Peoria, $16; Rock River, $12; Rushville, $12; Springfield, $15.

An advance of 15 per cent from all contributing societies for the General Fund.

The Christian Endeavor Societies have the support of the Superintendent of the Hospital at San Juan, Porto Rico; the Intermediate Christian Endeavorers, the support of Miss Clara E. Espey, Sancti Spiritus, Cuba; the Junior Christian Endeavorers have Endeavor Hall, San Juan, Porto Rico; and the Sunday schools the hospital at the same place.

It is especially desired that we emphasize the contributions for the General Fund this year.

And now as to the work within our own bounds—what are we doing?

Alton mourns, because their beloved President is with them no more. Mrs. Garrigus was an active worker for many years; now she rests from her labors, and her works do follow her. This Presbytery has a "Roll of Honor." To have its name inscribed thereon a society must show increase in membership, gifts, and number of magazines taken, and, since it is not pleasant to have one's name taken off after it is once on, this means "work" on the part of the members. Map talks and study classes also add to the interest.

Bloomington has welcomed a new secretary in the person of Mrs. Fulton, of Urbana. This Presbytery is always busy.

Cairo and *Ewing* have had the work of reorganization to go through with the past summer, but, in spite of that, interest is increasing; the new officers are falling into line, and preparations are made for a winter of earnest effort.

Chicago mentions with pleasure the "Union" Quarterly Meetings of the Foreign and Home Presbyterial Societies, held in the Central Church, Joliet, which was successful in members, interest, and which, it is thought, should be an annual event. The Emily Yale Schools are doing a steady and uniformly good work. Miss Zazula, the young Bohemian from the Christian Training School at Pittsburg, has entered upon her work where the May Street Mission is located. Her bright face and happy manner will make her welcome in the great Bohemian section, where there is such a crying need for Christian work. The need of the organization of Sunday schools into Mission Bands, indeed of all the young people of present-day and future helpfulness, is keenly felt among the women of Chicago Presbytery, and constant efforts are being made to accomplish it in all the churches.

Freeport also welcomes a new secretary—Mrs. E. W. Warren, of Belvidere, who takes up the work with deep interest and large faith.

Mattoon reports the best year financially in her history. The "Round

Table" at Presbyterial meeting brought out many helpful suggestions. Boxes for Anadarko, Salt Lake Collegiate Institute and Mary Holmes Seminary were prepared. Two new Children's Bands have been organized.

Ottawa reports increased interest, larger gifts, and more prompt quarterly payments.

Peoria works on as usual and speaks of several children's organizations, for which they ask large blessings.

Rock River.—The President, Mrs. Slaymaker, writes that it has been her privilege to visit a number of societies and everywhere she has received most encouraging reports, interest kept up, union meetings and anniversary celebrations, more study, and growing enthusiasm.

Rushville.—The Secretary writes: "Nothing of special interest—all at work," which gives us the secret of success in this Presbytery, *"all at work and always at work."*

Springfield.—A number of societies speak of having emphasized the social feature with good effect. Veranda Meetings, Outdoor Teas and Birthday meetings were found pleasant and profitable.

As a Synodical Society we gave of our substance as follows:

Woman's Societies	$22,644.45
Young Woman's Societies and Bands	795.92
Sunday Schools	1,023.85
Y. P. S. C. E.	1,292.82
Jr. Y. P. S. C. E.	253.35
Other sources	1,707.29
In treasury, March 25, 1906 (Chicago)	2,463.56
Total	$30,181.24

Of this amount, $5,644.56 was for Freedmen. There was also $489.19 Contingent Fund reported.

In the words of one Secretary, "The work of the year is but a plain story of busy women, turning aside from everyday living to think, to pray, and to give out of their little store and out of their abundance, to the end that less happy women and sad-faced little children within the borders of our great land may be brought into *His* marvelous light.

Respectfully submitted,

FANNY F. CLELAND, *Secretary.*

XIV.—SYNODICAL COMMITTEE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF HOME MISSIONS

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	Mrs. E. H. Curtis	Chicago
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	Miss Agnes McMichael	Caledonia
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SUMMARY FOR 1907.

Number of societies	320
Number of members	7,561
Number of meetings held	2,797
Number of Young Women's Societies and Bands	55
Number of Sunday schools contributing	85
Value of boxes	$ 5,342.07
Money actually expended on boxes	2,189.82
Copies of "H. M. M." taken	2,033
Copies of "O. S. and L." taken	1,092
Amount from societies	$22,644.45
Amount from Young Women's Societies and Bands	795.92
Amount from Sunday schools	1,023.85
Amount from Y. P. S. or Y. P. S. C. E.	1,292.82
Amount from Junior Societies	253.35
Amount Chicago had in Treasury March 25, 1906	2,463.56
Total	$30,181.24
How much of this amount for Freedmen	5,644.56
Contingent Fund	489.19

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JUDGE S. S. ANDERSON, Charleston.
ELDER ANDREW STEVENSON, Chicago.
ELDER M. G. CLARK, Streator.
ELDER N. M. LOVE, Peoria.
ELDER M. H. VAIL, Dixon.
ELDER J. R. HANNA, Monmouth.
ELDER A. R. TAYLOR, Decatur.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES, 1908-1909

ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING.

GEO. J. E. RICHARDS.
C. HARMON JOHNSON.
J. S. NOLLEN.
J. R. E. CRAIGHEAD.
W. H. W. BOYLE.
I. P. RUMSEY.

ON INCORPORATION OF SYNOD.

H. S. OSBORNE.
WM. M. CAMP.
W. S. P. BRYAN.
CHAS. HOLT.
F. Y. HAMILTON.
A. H. MILLS.

ON STATE GOVERNING BOARD.

SAMUEL T BRUSH.
EDWIN M. CLINGAN.

ON THE HISTORY OF SYNOD.

C. N. WILDER.
W. C. COVERT.
E. W. CLIPPINGER.

ON CO-OPERATION WITH EXECUTIVE COMMISSION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

REV. W. R. KING.
REV. A. G. BERGEN.
REV. GEO. J. E. RICHARDS.
REV. C. HARMON JOHNSON.
ELDER HENRY S. OSBORNE.

ON FINANCING LITIGATION.

ELDER A. R. TAYLOR.
ELDER T. H. PERRIN.
REV. W. H. PENHALLEGON.

TRUSTEES OF SYNOD.

J. R. E. CRAIGHEAD, Anna.
S. F. WILSON, Neoga.
A. STEVENSON, Chicago.
C. T. YEOMANS, Danville.
W. S. P. BRYAN, Chicago.

MINUTES OF THE SYNOD

1908

MONMOUTH, ILLINOIS, October 20, 1908.

The Synod of Illinois met, according to appointment, in the Presbyterian Church of Monmouth, October 20, 1908, at 7.30 P.M.

After devotional services, the retiring Moderator, Rev. A. G. Bergen, delivered the sermon from Mark 7: 24, upon the theme, "The Christ who cannot be hid."

Synod was constituted with prayer.

The roll was called and is as follows:

ROLL OF SYNOD.

ALTON PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—Wm. L. Porter, R. L. Evans, J. G. Reynolds, W. H. Bradley, R. F. Cressey, E. N. Goff.

Elders—E. C. Richards, C. E. Freeman, Robert West, H. Kabel, W. F. Dressor, Jacob Daum. —12

BLOOMINGTON PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—W. B. Allison, A. E. Barrows, J. G. Venable, J. H. Morphis, A. H. Kelso, F. W. Hawley, R. C. Dobson, J. I. Dool.

Elders—A. C. Thurlberry, E. D. Churchill, J. T. Ayers, W. S. Houston, Jacob Ehresman. —13

CAIRO PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—T. N. Hunt, Alfred Fowler, F. L. Gould, J. R. E. Craighead.

Elders—L. F. West, J. K. Price. —6

CHICAGO PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—A. G. Bergen, James T. Ford, M. D. Hardin, W. E. Doualdson, Alexander Lewis, James MacLagan, Philip Matzinger, T. H. McConnell, J. J. Rae, E. N. Ware, F. R. Rosebro, R. D. Scott, J. A. Vance, W. E. Youtsler, D. C. Milner, B. R. Weld, J. W. Mills.

Elders—F. L. Boggs, H. H. Parrott, Henry S. Osborne, John S. Nollen, John Scott, E. J. Holden, Samuel H. Brown, Edward S. Ransom, Thos. A. Hall. —26

EWING PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—J. H. Piper, S. L. Roper, J. F. Lackey.
Elders—Lewis Bayley, W. J. Rice, J. E. Frazier, W. H. Harrison. —7

FREEPORT PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—B. L. Brittin, Geo. A. McAlister, A. W. McClurkin.
Elders—B. F. Ellis, E. Chamberlain, G. T. Keator. —6

MATTOON PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—E. B. Landis, E. M. Martin, C. L. Overstreet, W. C. Snider, I. W. Allen, Jr., J. A. Tracy.
Elders—D. T. Harbison, A. A. Eiler, E. R. White, J. R. Guthrie, J. F. Galbreath. —11

OTTAWA PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—R. B. McCain, J. D. McCaughtry, D. M. Ogilvie.
Elders—E. J. Preston, M. C. Sawyer, G. P. Crawford. —6

PEORIA PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—A. O. Elliott, W. I. Alexander, I. A. Cornelison, A. M. Little, H. W. Burger.
Elders—W. M. Moffett, H. M. Shipton, E. C. Miles, G. W. Rowcliff. —9

ROCK RIVER PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—E. L. Lord, J. L. Henning, R. E. Fleming, Marion Humphreys, Philip Palmer.
Elders—James Venable, J. D. Mercer, W. L. Candor, W. J. Postlewaite. —9

RUSHVILLE PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—W. R. King, J. M. Thompson, J. L. Sawyer, E. M. Clingan, J. C. Hutchison.
Elders—H. B. Roach, W. F. Ogilvie, H. F. Denny, C. J. Hersman. —9

SPRINGFIELD PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—John Boden, O. A. Smith, A. P. Higley, T. D. Logan, M. C. Cockrum, E. M. Steen, J. L. Crawford, J. W. Mays.
Elders—J. J. Bergen, Samuel Montgomery, J. W. Graham, C. S. Oglevee, R. F. Breese. —13

Ministers present: 73. Elders present: 54. Total number of delegates: 127.

The following were invited to sit as corresponding members: Rev. T. H. McMichael, Rev. T. C. Pollock and Rev. J. C. Burnett, of the Synod of Illinois of the United Presbyterian Church; Rev. C. F. W. Smith of the Central Illinois Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Rev. W. J. Darby of the Synod of Indiana; Rev. R. M. Stevenson of the Synod of Utah, and Rev. G. H. Trull of the Synod of New York.

Rev. J. R. E. Craighead, of the Presbytery of Cairo, was elected Moderator.

Rev. E. B. Landis, of the Presbytery of Mattoon, and Rev. Philip Palmer, of the Presbytery of Rock River, were chosen Temporary Clerks.

The following program was offered by the Stated Clerk, and adopted:

Program—

TUESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 20, 1908.

7.30—Devotional Services.
Sermon by the Moderator.....Rev. A. G. Bergen, D.D.
Synod constituted with prayer.
Roll Call.
Election of Moderator and Temporary Clerks.
Adoption of Program.
Report of Committee on Arrangements.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 21, 1908.

8.30—Devotional Services.
8.45—Completion of the Roll.
Announcement of Standing Committees.
Records of Presbyteries and papers distributed.
Report of Stated Clerk and Treasurer.
Report on Expenses of Committees....Rev. A. G. Bergen, Ch'm.
Report on Incorporation and Trustees..Rev. A. G. Bergen, Ch'm.
Election of Trustees of Synod.
Introduction of Corresponding Members.
10.00—Christian Education.
Report of Committee.....Rev. W. S. P. Bryan, Ch'm.
The Work of the College Board.....
President C. H. Rammelkamp, of Illinois College.
Work at the State University.....Rev. James M. Duer.
Our Synodical Institutions by their representatives.
Distinctive Features of Christian Education.....
President John S. Nollen, of Lake Forest.
12.00—Recess.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 21, 1908.

2.00—Opening Prayer.
Report on Bills and Overtures.
Report of Judicial Committee.
Miscellaneous Business.
3.00—Executive Commission of General Assembly....Mr. Thos. A. Hall.
3.15—Foreign Missions.
Report of Committee.....Rev. W. S. Marquis, Ch'm.
3.30—Spiritual Life of the Church.
Report of Chairman.....Rev. W. C. Covert.
Pastoral Testimony to Work of God.

Address: Rev. W. H. W. Boyle, Representative of General Assembly's Committee on Evangelistic Work.
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.
Prayer.
Recess.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 21, 1908.

Right Relation between Home and Foreign Missions .....
Rev. W. R. King presiding.

7.30—Devotional.
Address: "Home Missions Essential to the World's Evangelization," Rev. Baxter P. Fullerton, D.D., Secretary Home Board and Moderator Assembly.
Address: "Foreign Missions Essential to the Full Expression of the Christian Life and Development of the Church," Rev. Chas. E. Bradt, Field Secretary Foreign Board.
Witnesses from the Field.
Offertory.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1908.

8.30—Prayer and Praise.
9.00—Minutes read.
Reports of Standing Committees.
On Finances.
On Minutes of General Assembly.
On Records of Presbyteries.
Next Place of Meeting.
Miscellaneous Business.
10.00—Home Missions.
Report of Chairman.....Rev. T. D. Logan.
Address by Superintendent .....Rev. W. V. Jeffries.
Address by Associate Superintendent.....Rev. C. E. Hayes.
Address on Freedmen .....Rev. C. H. Miller.
Report of Treasurer.....Mr. Chas. T. Yeomans.
Discussion.
12.00—Recess.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 22, 1908.

2.00—Prayer.
General Church Work.
Report of Chairman.....Rev. W. E. Archibald.
Addresses by Representatives of the American Bible Society, Temperance and Other Causes.
3.00—Youth of the Church.
Report of Chairman .....Rev. A. M. Little.
3.30—Presbyterian Brotherhood.
Report of Chairman.....President A. R. Taylor.
4.00—Miscellaneous Business.
Report of Committee on Attendance and Absence.
Reading and Approval of Minutes.

5.00—Recess.

THURSDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 22, 1908.

7.30—Service of Praise.
7.45—Address on the Youth of the Church.
8.30—Address: "What Has Been Accomplished?" President A. R. Taylor.
Address: "How to Make It Go."..... Mr. Andrew Stevenson.
Resolutions.
Reading and Approval of Minutes.
Adjournment.

Mr. Takasha Kamatsee presented a gavel, in behalf of the students of Monmouth College, which later was, on motion, made the personal property of the present Moderator.

Rev. W. R. King reported for the Committee of Arrangements.

Synod adjourned, with prayer, to meet at 8.30 A.M. to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 8.30 o'clock.

Synod met and engaged in devotional services, led by Rev. F. W. Hawley.

The Moderator, Rev. J. R. E. Craighead, called the Synod to order and led in prayer.

The Moderator announced the following Standing Committees:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Bills and Overtures—Rev. A. G. Bergen, Chairman, Rev. I. A. Cornelison, Rev. R. C. Dobson, Rev. T. D. Logan, Elder C. S. Oglevee, Elder C. E. Freeman, Elder H. S. Roach.

Judicial Committee—Chairman, Henry S. Osborne, Rev. O. A. Smith, Rev. J. D. McCaughtry, Rev. E. M. Martin, Rev. F. L. Gould, Elder W. F. Dresser, Elder T. A. Hall.

Minutes of the General Assembly—Rev. A. O. Elliott, Rev. E. M. Steen, Rev. E. N. Ware, Elder H. H. Parrott, Elder M. C. Sawyer.

Finance and Treasurer's Accounts—Rev. J. A. Tracy, Elder E. J. Holden, Elder J. J Bergen.

Attendance and Absence—Rev. R. F. Cressey, Rev. J. F. Lackey, Rev. B. L. Brittin, Elder E. S. Ransom, Elder W. F. Ogilvie.

RECORDS OF PRESBYTERIES.

General Chairman, Rev. W. H. Bradley.

Alton—Rev. A. H. Kelso, Rev. Alfred Fowler, Elder S. H. Brown.
Bloomington—Rev. R. T. Scott, Rev. S. L. Roper, Elder F. L. Boggs.
Cairo—Rev. J. T. Ford, Rev. J. H. Piper, Elder B. F. Ells.
Chicago—Rev. C. L. Overstreet, Rev. I. N. Allen, Elder E. J. Preston.

Ewing—Rev. R. B. McCain, Rev. W. I. Alexander, Elder W. M. Moffett.

Freeport—Rev. E. L. Lord, Rev. W. C. Snider, Elder D. T. Harbison.

Mattoon—Rev. R. E. Fleming, Rev. J. C. Reynolds, Elder G. T. Keator.

Ottawa—Rev. H. W. Burger, Rev. J. C. Venable, Elder L. F. West.

Peoria—Rev. J. C. Hutchison, Rev. J. H. Morphis, Elder Jacob Ehresman.

Rock River—Rev. W. L. Porter, Rev. F. R. Rosebro, Elder W. J. Rice.

Rushville—Rev. A. P. Higley, Rev .M. C. Cockrum, Elder J. K. Price.

Springfield—Rev. R. L. Evans, Rev. Philip Matzinger, Elder J. S. Frazier.

Mt. Vernon—Rev. D. C. Milner, Rev. J. L. Henning, H. F. Denny.

Foster—Rev. G. A. McAlister, Rev. T. N. Hunt, H. S. Brown.

The Stated Clerk presented papers in his hands, which were, on motion, referred to appropriate committees for consideration.

The report of the Stated Clerk was presented as follows:

REPORT OF STATED CLERK.

The Stated Clerk respectfully reports:

1. That he has received from Rev. A. G. Bergen, Stated Clerk of the former Synod of Illinois of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, the following records: Manuscript Records, Central Illinois Synod for 1859, 1862, 1873 and 1875-1885. (Records of Central Illinois Synod from organization in 1859 to 1876, inclusive, were burned March 27, 1876, when the residence of the Stated Clerk was consumed with fire. Those of 1862, 1872, 1873 and 1875 were recovered from duplicates.) Manuscript Records, Illinois Synod, 1881-1885; Manuscript Records, Illinois Synod, 1886-1891; Manuscript Records, Illinois Synod, 1892-1900; Printed Records, Illinois Synod, 1898-1906. There are missing, besides those referred to above, Records of Illinois Synod, 1832-1880, 49 years, of Sangamon Synod,* 1838-1885, 48 years.

2. That he has received from the Trustees, through Mr. Henry S. Osborne, the charter and seal of the incorporated Synod, the charter having been signed by the Secretary of State, James A. Rose, and recorded in the Recorder's office of Sangamon County, wherein is its principal place of business.

3. He recommends that a committee of five be appointed by the Moderator to nominate for the ensuing year the Permanent Committees of the Synod, and to recommend some plan for the future appointment of these committees.

4. He recommends that Standing Rule 8 be amended by the addition of two standing committees—namely, one of three members on Next Place of Meeting and one of three members on Corresponding Members—and that the Committee on Finance and Treasurer's Accounts be increased to five members, with at least two ministers on it, and that there be added to its duties the payment of the mileage.

*Records of Sangamon Synod have been found.—Stated Clerk.

5. He recommends that the usual reports from the Women's Missionary Societies be printed in the Appendix, provided they are duly sent to the Stated Clerk.

6. That he has received the reports from the Presbyteries, and recommends that they be printed in the Appendix.

GEO. J. E. RICHARDS, *Stated Clerk.*

Recommendations 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 were adopted. Number 4 was deferred till to-morrow for action.

Rev. G. J. E. Richards read his report as Treasurer of Synod. It was referred to the Finance Committee.

On motion, the report on Foreign Missions was made the order of the day for 2.30 o'clock this afternoon.

Rev. A. G. Bergen presented the report of the Committee on Expenses of Committees of Synod, which was adopted as follows:

The Committee on Expense of Committees offers the following report:

A meeting of the Committee was held at the Victoria Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, September 28, 1908, with the following members present: Rev. A. G. Bergen, Chairman; Rev. W. C. Covert, Chairman of Committee on Spiritual Life of the Church; Rev. T. D. Logan, Chairman Committee on Home Missions; Rev. W. S. P. Bryan, Chairman of Committee on Education; Rev. W. S. Marquis, Chairman Committee on Foreign Missions; Rev. Geo. J. E. Richards, Treasurer; and Rev. C. Harmon Johnson, who was also chosen Secretary of the Committee.

Members absent: Rev. A. M. Little, Chairman Committee on Youth of the Church, and Rev. W. E. Archibald, Chairman of Committee on General Church Work.

After a very careful and earnest discussion of the interests of the several committees and the resources of the Synod's Treasury, we offer the following recommendation for your adoption:

Each permanent committee, soon after Synod convenes, may make application to Synod, through its Standing Committee on Finance, for the amount deemed necessary for its expenses for the ensuing year; thereupon the Finance Committee, in conference with Treasurer of Synod, shall make estimate of amount needed to cover all contingent expenses of Synod, and make recommendations for the various committees. At the close of each year the committees shall report an itemized statement of expenses and the amount on hand.

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. BERGEN,
W. C. COVERT,
T. D. LOGAN,
W. S. P. BRYAN,
W. S. MARQUIS.
W. E. ARCHIBALD,
A. M. LITTLE,
GEO. J. E. RICHARDS,
C. H. JOHNSON.

Elder Henry S. Osborne presented the report of the Committee on Incorporation of Synod. It was adopted, and is as follows:

To the Synod of Illinois of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America:

The committee appointed by the Synod of 1905 with authority to secure a proper incorporation of the Synod of Illinois as soon as practicable (see Minutes of Synod, 1905, pp. 355, 387), continued with the changes by the Synod of 1906 (see Minutes of Synod, 1906, pp. 460 to 463), and continued again by the Synod of 1907 with power to complete the incorporation of Synod and to seek proper amendments to the statute law of Illinois, as recommended in the former report of committee (see Minutes of Synod, 1907, p. 30), respectfully reports as follows:

INCORPORATION OF SYNOD.

The Committee has completed the incorporation of Synod under the name, "Synod of Illinois of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America." The Articles of Incorporation have been duly issued by the Secretary of State of Illinois, and are dated February 5, 1908, and have also been recorded in the Recorder's office of Sangamon County, Illinois, as required by law, and the Synod is now a legal corporation, capable of acquiring, holding and conveying property, real and personal.

AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTE LAWS OF ILLINOIS.

At the time the resolution was passed for this purpose it was too late to obtain amendments of the legislature, which was about adjourning, and application will have to be made to the next legislature, which meets on January 6, 1909.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY S. OSBORNE, *Chairman.*

Mr. Henry S. Osborne read the report of the Board of Trustees of Synod. It was adopted, and is as follows:

To the Synod of Illinois of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America:

Your Board of Trustees respectfully present this, their first report, as follows:

PROPERTY BELONGING TO SYNOD.

The Home Mission Committee of the Synod of Illinois reports through Dr. Thomas D. Logan, its chairman, that it holds no real estate, has no personal property beyond such balance as comes in the hands of the Treasurer from time to time, of which its report to Synod will give the amount and details. The property of the Synod of Illinois of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, which by the union becomes the property of this Synod, has been held by the "Illinois Church Extension Association of the Presbyterian Church," a body legally incorporated by the Cumberland Church for the purpose of holding its property. This association holds the property used by the Marlborough Presbyterian Church at the north-

east corner of Sixty-ninth Street and Irving Avenue, in Chicago, of a value perhaps of not over one thousand ($1,000) dollars; its management has gone into the hands of the Church Extension Committee of the Presbytery of Chicago, which is a legally organized corporation, capable of holding property, if Synod so directs.

There are also two bequests made to the Illinois Church Extension Association of the Cumberland Prebyterian Church—one of five hundred ($500) dollars bequeathed by Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Tucker, of Macomb, Illnois, but it will not be due until the death of his widow; the other bequest by Mrs. Elizabeth Stansbury, late of Bloomington, Illinois, but whose church membership was with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Gibson City, Illinois, of between thirty and forty thousand dollars, in which Synod, through the Church Extension Association, is interested. Mr. J. W. Bailey, of Gibson City, Illinois, is executor. He is by the terms of the will to pay some minor bequests, then is given power to pay to three churches at Danvers, Stanford and Leroy, respectively, such sums as he thinks they need, and the balance is to go to the Church Extension Association, to be used in Home Mission work in the Synod of Illinois.

Under the will of the late Mr. Philip Kemmerer, of Assumption, Christian County, his residuary estate was given to be "used for an Orphans' Home for the Friendless Poor of all Denominations." This home (the will provides) shall be controlled by the Presbyterian Churches of Central Illinois. By the decision of the Supreme Court of Illinois, rendered last April, this devise has been held good, and the court holds that by the term, "The Presbyterian Churches of Central Illinois," testator meant the Presbyteries of Mattoon and Springfield of the Presbyterian Church of Illinois, who are given the control of the Orphans' Home when erected.

In addition to the above property, the Secretary and Treasurer, Rev. George J. E. Richards, has the custody of the following property:

Records of the Synod of Illinois (N. S.) from 1831-1855.
Records of the Synod of Illinois (N. S.) from 1856-1869.
Records of the Synod of Illinois (O. S.) from 1838-1856.
Records of the Synod of Illinois (O. S.) from 1856-1869.
Records of the Synod of Illinois (North) from 1870-1881.
Records of the Synod of Illinois (Central) from 1870-1881.
Records of the Synod of Illinois (South) from 1870-1881.
Records of the Synod of Illinois from 1882-1883.
Records of the Synod of Peoria (N. S.) from 1843-1859.
Records of the Synod of Peoria (N. S.) from 1860-1869.
Records of the Synod of Chicago (O. S.) from 1856-1869.

Also two sets bound of the printed records of the Synod of Illinois from 1882 to 1901, and from 1902 to 1906; also printed records of the Synod for 1907; also MSS. records of Central Illinois Synod, C. P. Church, for 1859, 1862, 1873, 1875 to 1885.

(The records of Central Illinois Synod from organization in 1859 to 1876, inclusive, were burned March 27, 1876, when the residence of the Stated Clerk was consumed by fire.)

MSS. records Illinois Synod, C. P. Church, 1881-1885.
MSS. records Illinois Synod, C. P. Church, 1886-1891.
MSS. records Illinois Synod, C. P. Church, 1892-1900.
Printed records Illinois Synod, C. P. Church, 1898-1906.

There are missing records of Illinois Synod from 1832 to 1880, 49 years; and of Sangamon Synod from 1838 to 1885, 48 years.

The Board of Trustees, as directed by Synod, has procured a seal of Synod—an open Bible, upon which are the words, "The Word of the Lord endureth forever," surrounded by the words, "Synod of Illinois of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.," and a suitable wreath above which is a star and beneath is the date 1908. The Trustees have chosen, as directed by the Synod, the exact design and ornamentation.

A new Board of Trustees should be elected by Synod composed of five members of the present Synod, of whom the Moderator shall be one, and *ex-officio* chairman, the Stated Clerk being Treasurer and Secretary *ex-officio*.

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. Bergen,
W. S. P. Bryan,
Andrew Stevenson,
C. T. Yeomans,
S. F. Wilson.

Monmouth, Illinois, October 20, 1908.

On motion, the Moderator appointed the following committee to nominate Permanent Committees: Revs. E. M. Clingan, F. W. Hawley, J. A. Vance, W. R. King, Elder C. S. Oglevie.

The nomination of Trustees of Synod was referred to the same committee.

The following were invited to sit as corresponding members: Revs. T. C. Pollock and J. C. Burnett, of the Synod of Illinois of the United Presbyterian Church; Rev. C. F. W. Smith, of the Central Illinois Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Rev. W. J. Darby, of the Synod of Indiana; Rev. R. M. Stevenson of the Synod of Utah; Rev. T. H. McMichael, of the Synod of Illinois of the United Presbyterian Church; Rev. G. H. Trull, of the Synod of New York.

The report of the Committee on Christian Education was presented by the Secretary, Rev. W. E. Donaldson. The report was received and the resolutions taken up *seriatim*, whereupon on motion of Rev. Jas. A. Vance, the committee was continued for three years with power to fill vacancies.

Pending action on the report, addresses were made by the Rev. W. S. P. Bryan, D.D., chairman of the committee; Rev. W. J. Darby, D.D., representing the Board of Education; President John S. Nollen, for Lake Forest; President C. H. Rammel-

kamp, of Illinois, representing the College Board; Rev. W. E. Donaldson, speaking for Geneseo Institute; Rev. J. R. E. Craighead, for Union Academy; Rev. Dr. W. H. Bradley, for Blackburn; President A. R. Taylor and Rev. Dr. W. H. Penhallegon, for James Millikin; Rev. Dr. A. G. Bergen, for the College Commission; and Rev. James M. Duer, for University work.

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The Committee on Christian Education respectfully presents to the Synod its third annual report, thus concluding the period of service for which it was appointed at Springfield. Within this period of three years, great changes have taken place in the field of Christian Education. The term itself has been more fully defined, and the necessity for it, in contrast with an education merely secular, has been realized by the Church with new force. The plan of consolidating under one charge all educational interests of the Synod has been adopted by several of our sister Synods. A sum amounting to at least $390,000 has been added to the endowment or buildings of the Synodical institutions. The decline in the number of candidates for the ministry has been arrested, and a return toward our former numbers has begun. The great Millikin University has been added to our number. Religious work at State universities, which was inaugurated in our Synod, has been recognized by the Church as a whole as her definite responsibility.

These results are due not to any one agency, but to that large number of unselfish men and women representing the different educational interests of the Church and laboring toward a common end; and not the least of these is the Synod of Illinois, which from year to year has given generous endorsement and substantial support to this work.

The Board of Education, under its new Secretary, has risen nobly to the present demands of the Church. The enlargement of its sphere of operations has served, apparently, only to increase its efficiency in all departments. It gives its approval, as a rule, only to those candidates who, in addition to moral and religious character, give evidence of satisfactory educational attainments. It brings its influence to bear against the modern tendency to neglect classical study, and in favor of the encouragement of young men to study for the Christian ministry. It cultivates the interest of its candidats by holding ministerial conferences in the Synods, Theological Seminaries and Colleges. It lays the responsibility for providing a supply of ministers upon the Christian home. It is providing for the foreign-speaking populations, having now under its care one hundred and seventeen foreign-speaking candidates. Its report on religious work in the State Universities is comprehensive and exhaustive and should convince the Church of the great claims of this work. Without diminishing interest in the supervision of its candidates, it gives itself to the development of University work in the different Synods by the personal activity of its secretaries and through efficient co-operation with the Synodical commit-

tees, and agrees to credit upon its books contributions which are made for University work. Statistically, the Board reports an increase in the number of candidates from 788 last year to 809, of whom 253 are new. This increase, however small, is encouraging, in view of the serious decline noted in previous reports, for, while in the last twelve years the population of the United States has increased twenty-five per cent and the wealth forty-seven per cent and the number of college students fifty-eight per cent, and the number of members in our Protestant churches thirty-three per cent, the number of candidates for the ministry has declined twenty per cent. In our own Synod the increase in candidates is but two, being forty-five, but the increase in contributions is $1,000, a total of $3,800, and, as appropriations to our candidates are $4,300, the overdraft is only $500, as against $1,300 last year. As Synod has repeatedly said to its churches, there ought to be no overdraft.

The College Board has boldly faced the serious problems which confront it in maintaining and advancing the interests of our Church colleges. It shows the place of the Church college by providing that eighty per cent of our ministers and home and foreign missionaries come from such institutions and only twenty per cent from the great State institutions and Christian colleges and universities. It has provided a system of classification by which the colleges are rated according to the courses they offer. It has magnified and enforced Bible teaching, so that in the Church colleges one hundred and forty-four hours of regular Bible work is recognized as the minimum. It takes pains to secure instructors of such character that their influence leads the students to Jesus Christ. It makes clear the duty of Church colleges to maintain their connection with the Church, notwithstanding the strong material inducements held out to them just now to dissolve that relationship. Furthermore, it is requiring of the institutions which it benefits an adequate guarantee of the continued Christian character of their educational work. It reports a total of $1,637,292, nearly $200,000 over last year.

Coming to the work of *our own Synod*, the Committee would report that it has held but one meeting during the year, owing to the want of funds to pay the traveling expenses of its members. The Treasurer's report shows a total of $103.61 expended for expenses from January, 1907, to October 12, 1908, with the account overdrawn $3. If this work is worth the attention of Synod, adequate provision should be made for the meetings at which the business is transacted. There is no doubt that the work has suffered from the want of a meeting of the Committee after the last session of Synod.

As to our own institutions, it is gratifying to report that while *McCormick Seminary*, being under the care of the Assembly, does not report to the Synod, its number of new students this year is the largest in many years, and great encouragement is felt as a result.

Geneseo Collegiate Institute has been visited recently by a member of the Committee, whose report is very encouraging. The total attendance last

year, including the summer school, was one hundred and seventeen. This year they have in regular courses fifty-one students, of whom twenty-nine are new. The religious features of the work are all that could be asked, the students being required to attend chapel every day and religious services every Sabbath.

The high school at Geneseo is at present unable to offer facilities equal to those of our Institute. The new principal, Mr. Brown, is winning his way, and is surely developing the institution. Unusual expenses this year make it very important that the College Board should resume its former grant of $1,000 a year.

Union Academy shows an attendance thus far this year of sixty-seven, which is an increase of eleven over the total enrollment in the academic department. The new buildings have proven very valuable in developing substantial interest in the work of the institution. This development, however, has taken place only in the immediate vicinity of the Academy, and the Synod as a whole has not yet awakened to the importance of an institution of this character in the southern portion of the State. Well-laid plans for increasing the usefulness of the school only await a modest financial encouragement.

Blackburn College has made substantial progress in its proposed endowment, and the hopes of its friends have been in part rewarded. It will be remembered that the plan provided for a fund of $50,000 to meet an offer by Mr. Carnegie of $20,000. This $50,000 was divided between the town of Carlinville, which undertook to provide $30,000, and the Presbyteries of Alton, Mattoon, Bloomington and Peoria undertook to provide $5,000 apiece. At the meeting of the Board in June, it appeared that Mr. Carnegie was willing to pro rate his offer and to pay $10,000 provided the college had $25,000 in marketable securities. Carlinville reported $16,000 in cash and the Presbyteries made up a total of over $7,000. At this juncture Dr. Bradley, long identified with the College, took the obligations of Alton Presbytery and advanced from his own funds the money necessary. The small deficiency of $378 was provided from the Carlinville account, so that $10,000 from the Presbyteries was realized, with the result that the College now has in new cash $35,000. Besides this, the Harris estate has recently been settled, by which the College will realize between $20,000 and $25,000, which will be available to meet the demands of Mr. Carnegie, leaving the balance of the subscription as an additional $25,000, making a total of $90,000 now in sight. This is a very large reward for the long period of waiting. Much of the credit is due to Dr. Lingle, who resigned at the last meeting of the Board, and all the parties contributing to the happy result are to be congratulated. Last year there were nine graduates, and the college has opened this year with encouraging attendance, under Dr. Bradley as acting President. The friends of the institution have taken the substantial encouragement they have had as an inducement to renewed efforts. The college should have the hearty endorsement of Synod for its application to the College Board for assistance.

James Millikin University, the latest addition to our Church colleges, consists of two institutions—one at Lincoln, the other at Decatur. At Lincoln last year they had twelve graduates and 334 students; at Decatur 20 graduates and 937 students, making a total of 1,271 students, with a faculty of 67. The income at Lincoln was $8,336; at Decatur, $78,190. The total value of the property is $746,647.

At Decatur there were 125 professions of faith, and ninety-five per cent of the student-body are professing Christians. Dr. Penhallegon has been elected President of the Board of Trustees. The technical courses offered at Decatur are said to be of wider range than those in almost any other institution under the care of the Church, and the policy has been so well established by experience as to be considered permanent. Mr. Millikin has made a liberal offer of $400,000, provided a like amount is raised by the Church. The College Commission is at work completing the sum of $50,000 necessary to meet the last offer of Mr. Millikin, who has paid over his share, $150,000, trusting to the Commission to complete its work. The Commission is the more entitled to the hearty support of the Synod on this account.

Illinois College showed an increase of 24 in its enrollment, a total of 333 against 309. Of these, 92 were in the College, 94 in the Academy and 173 in the Conservatory and Art. This year, there is an increase in the college attendance. The standards are sufficiently high to admit the students to the corresponding classes in the leading colleges and universities of the country. The $50,000 fund has been completed, so that Mr. Carnegie's offer of $50,000 has been met, and the actually productive endowment is about $250,000. Under the new policy, deficits are a thing of the past, and the College is now looking forward to enlargement and increased facilities. An offer of $75,000 from Mr. Carnegie, calling for $75,000 from the College has led the Board to resolve to meet this offer within the next two years. Every encouragement should be given to this movement.

Lake Forest.—The administration of President Nollen is now well established, and important changes have been made in the conditions of entrance and in the courses of study, intended to improve the standard of education. The attendance for the present year thus far registered shows that the Academy is full, Ferry Hall is full, and the College has about the same number as last year. Measures are on foot looking toward a closer and more effective relationship between the College and the Synod to the mutual advantage of the College and of the Presbyterians of Illinois. A class of thirty, the largest in the history of the College, was graduated last June. The budget of the College, including boarding departments, aggregated $90,000; that of the academy, $40,000; and that of Ferry Hall, $60,000. The total value of the property, including buildings, is $867,428; the endowment, including the Bross endowment and scholarships, is $748,927. The Trustees are looking toward an addition of $500,000 to the endowment.

Religious Work at the State University.—The work of our Church at

the State University is gradually emerging into definiteness. Notwithstanding the wide variations in local conditions, it is becoming clear that the work of our Church should be done under the general supervision of the General Assembly, as represented by the Board of Education; that the responsibility for organizing and developing this work rests primarily upon the Synods; that regular religious services as distinguished from the Bible classes or University courses, should be provided either separately or in connection with local churches; that definite efforts for the conversion of the students assembled should be put forth; and that suitable provision must be made for the maintenance of this work.

Our own work at Champaign is well organized under the Rev. James M. Duer, who, shortly after the meeting of Synod, was called from his pastorate at Hillsboro, and who entered upon his duties December 1. Mr. Duer has established regular Sabbath morning services for the student body with the cordial approval of our churches at Champaign and Urbana. These services are held in one of the university halls, the use of which was donated, and the attendance has ranged from 50 to 125. Mr. Duer seeks relations of personal friendship with the students, and was able to register 400 students on his list last year. He has visited them in their rooms, has conducted Bible classes, has entered sympathetically into University athletics, and has won the confidence and the esteem of the members of the Faculty and of the students as well. Happy relations exist between him and the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A.

Our work has been undertaken none too soon. The Methodists, the Christians and the Unitarians have erected handsome buildings under the University walls, and are doing an effective work among the students. The Baptists and the Congregationalists will have student-pastors this year.

The report of the Treasurer of the University Fund shows a total since last Synod of $2,550 with expenditures of $2,360.55, covering a period of nine months of Mr. Duer's service. The receipts would have been insufficient for a full year of work. The work on its present modest basis calls for $3,000 annually, distributed among the twelve Presbyteries. This sum is barely sufficient for salary and other necessary expenses. The receipts have come irregularly, the major part being contributed by the Presbyteries of Chicago and Bloomington, some of our Presbyteries doing absolutely nothing, notwithstanding that they were asked only for $100 each. If this work is to continue, even on the present basis, measures must be taken to enlist the churches of the different Presbyteries, or, better still, the individual givers of the different Presbyteries in its support. As stated above, contributions to this work sent through the Board of Education will be credited by the Board, where such credit is demanded. We believe, however, that most of our churches and individuals will be satisfied with such credit as comes from the Treasurer of University Work, Professor Barton, the head of the Department of Latin in the University. The present basis is only provisional. The Synod cannot rest until a suitable Church-center in harmony with the University architecture has been provided, and an adequate endowment made. An offer of $10,000 for endowment on condition

of $50,000 raised by the Synod expires in June, 1910, and calls for immediate action on the part of the Synod. The Board of Education has generously offered to assist in this canvass through the efforts of its secretaries, but naturally this assistance is limited, and some provision must be made for concentrated effort, such as the individual members of your committee, being pastors, are entirely unable to give. The funds needed can be provided only by such systematic canvass as is necessary in all such effort.

The following resolutions were, after discussion, adopted:

RESOLUTIONS.

First—The Synod records its profound sense of responsibility to the youth of the Church in affording them adequate religious training, whether in its own institutions or in State institutions, and that it enjoins upon pastors and office-bearers, upon directors, trustees, presidents and professors to labor continuously to impress upon the various student-bodies the pre-eminent claims of Jesus Christ upon their lives.

Second—That Synod records its approval of the measures taken by the Board of Education to deepen the sense of responsibility among Christian parents in providing an adequate ministry for the Church, and that, to this end, it lays it upon pastors, wherever possible, to preach an annual sermon on the claims of the ministry, and to keep in touch with the candidates from their churches. It directs the Presbyteries in the matter of the transfer of candidates to co-operate together in maintaining the standards both of character and of training established by the Church, through the Board of Education.

Third—Synod endorses the policy of the College Board in asserting the distinctive place of our Church colleges and in laboring to elevate the standard and to deepen the religious influence of these institutions. It directs the attention of the givers of our Church to its own institutions as constituting a primary obligation and as tending to relieve the College Board of obligations which we are abundantly able under proper development to assume.

Fourth—Synod directs that in all of its colleges the minimum period approved by the Association of College Presidents of 144 hours of required Bible study be established and maintained, under the regulations of the College Board, and that in the selection of professors due regard be had not only to their Christian profession, but to their positive Christian influence upon the students.

Fifth—Synod rejoices in the encouraging reports from Geneseo Collegiate Institute and in its closer relationship with the Synod's committee. It approves of its application to the College Board for the full appropriation made until last year of $1,000.

Sixth—Synod approves the plans for the development of Union Academy, endorses its application to the College Board for the sum of $1,000, and commends to the givers of the Synod the scheme for immediate endowment.

Seventh—Synod tenders its hearty thanks to all those who have contributed to the re-establishment of Blackburn College, to the former President, Dr. Lingle, to the liberal citizens of Carlinville, to the four Presbyteries of Alton, Mattoon, Bloomington and Peoria for their presbyterial action, to the generous givers within the bounds of those Presbyteries, to Dr. W. H. Bradley and to Mr. Andrew Carnegie. Synod commends the plan to complete the endowment up to $90,000, and cordially recommends the institution to the College Board for an appropriation of $1,000. It approves the following persons as suitable to election on the Board of Trustees: Mr. B. M. Burke, Carlinville; Rev. J. H. Sankey, Peoria; Rev. F. W. Hawley, Bloomington; Rev. Ira W. Allen, Paris; Rev. W. E. Archibald, D.D., East St. Louis; Rev. A. P. Higley, Springfield.

Eighth—Synods renews its cordial commendation given last year of the plan to provide for James Millikin University the sum of $50,000 to meet the offer that has been made by Mr. Millikin. It commends the definite results in the way of professions of faith secured by the present policy. It approves of the election to the Board of Trustees of the following: Dr. W. H. Penhallegon, Decatur; Mr. Lawrence B. Stringer, Lincoln; Mr. George B. Spitler, Mt. Zion; Mr. C. L. Conkling, Springfield. It also approves of the election of Dr. Penhallegon as President of the Board of Trustees. It also approves of the election of the following as members of the College Commission from our Synod: J. M. Johnston, J. D. Baker and A. G. Bergen, D.D.

Ninth—The plans of Illinois College for a further endowment of $150,000 are hereby approved, and the application to the College Board for a grant of $1,000 is endorsed.

Tenth—That Mr. John H. S. Lee, of Evanston, be approved as Trustee of Lake Forest University, and that Synod expresses its deep interest in the plans for the development of the university.

Eleventh—That the committee be authorized to take immediate steps looking to the endowment and permanent establishment of the University work; that the Presbyteries be earnestly requested to provide the sums allotted to them on the present basis of support; that pastors be urged to correspond with Rev. Mr. Duer concerning the students from their neighborhoods in attendance upon the University, and to direct the attention of givers to the unique and urgent demands of this work.

All of which is respectfully submitted by order of the committee,

W. S. Plumer Bryan, *Chairman.*
Wilson E. Donaldson, *Secretary.*

Synod took recess until 1.30 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 1.30 o'clock.

Synod convened and was opened with prayer.

The Moderator appointed the following to officiate at the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper: Revs. O. A. Smith and J. A. Vance, Elders Ross Hanna, E. J. Holden, M. C. Sawyer, E. R. White, E. C. Richards, W. S. Houston, L. F. West, W. J. Rice.

Upon motion, Rev. W. E. Donaldson was excused from further attendance upon Synod.

Rev. F. W. Hawley, of the Presbytery of Bloomington, was appointed Vice Moderator.

The report of the Committee on the History of the Synod of Illinois was read by the Stated Clerk. It was adopted, with recommendations, as follows:

To the Synod of Illinois, in session at Monmouth, October 21, 1908:

DEAR BRETHREN—The Committee on the History of the Synod of Illinois presents the following report:

The committee has had no formal meeting during the year, but the chairman has corresponded with the other members, and has had personal interviews with each of them relative to the work of the committee. The committee has been in correspondence with Dr. Henry C. McCook, of the Presbyterian Historical Society, and has received valuable suggestions from him relative to the work of your committee, some of which have been acted upon.

Valuable material relating to the history of the Synod, collected by the late Rev. Robert Conover, of Bloomington, has been secured from the administrator of Mr. Conover's estate, and is held by your committee for the use of the Synod.

Your committee has two requests to make of Synod: First, that the members of Synod having in their possession printed matter relating to the history of the churches or the presbyteries of the Synod of Illinois will send the same to the Synod's Historical Committee. The committee will see to it that such documents are preserved in a fire-proof safe. It is likely that there are many such documents in possession of the brethren and the churches, many of whch are liable to be lost unless so collected. Second, we ask that the Synod request each of the presbyteries to appoint a historical committee at its next stated meeting, with instructions to diligently collect historical data relating to the churches of the Synod, and that they forward the same to the Synod's Historical Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES N. WILDER,
W. C. COVERT,
E. W. CLIPPINGER,
Committee.

The report of the Finance Committee was presented by the Chairman, and adopted as follows:

The Finance Committee has examined the papers and accounts of the Synod's Treasurer, and find them correct.

JOHN A. TRACY,
J. J. BERGEN,
E. J. HOLDEN.

The report is as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer of the Synod of Illinois respectfully presents the following report on the Contingent Fund of the Synod from October, 1907, to October, 1908:

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$ 957 94
Interest on deposits	22 37
Women's Home Missionary Society, for programs	1 00
Women's Foreign Missionary Society, for programs	1 00
Treasurers of Presbyteries—	
Alton	50 88
Bloomington	67 78
Cairo	15 75
Chicago	214 33
Ewing	27 60
Freeport	38 47
Mattoon	44 89
Ottawa	32 59
Peoria	46 94
Rock River	42 00
Rushville	49 87
Springfield	66 28
Total received	$1,679 69

DISBURSEMENTS.

Janitor	$ 5 00
Printing 1,400 Minutes of Synod	245 50
Postage on Minutes	49 46
Stationery	8 72
Express	5 00
Programs	4 00
Blanks	2 50
Salary Permanent Clerk	75 00
Salary Stated Clerk	250 00
Seal of Synod	8 00
Total disbursements	$ 653 18
Balance in Treasury	1,026 51
Total	$1,679 69

MILEAGE REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1907-1908.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$ 632 46
Rev. A. C. Bergen, Synod "A"	107 77
Mileage returned	75
Received from Presbyteries—	
Alton	84 80
Bloomington	112 96
Cairo	26 25
Chicago	357 21
Ewing	46 00
Freeport	04 11
Mattoon	74 81
Ottawa	54 31
Peoria	78 24
Rock River	70 00
Rushville	83 11
Springfield	110 46
Total received	$1,903 24

DISBURSEMENTS.

Alton Presbytery, seventeen delegates	$ 78 69
Bloomington Presbytery, thirteen delegates	30 84
Cairo Presbytery, five delegates	43 95
Chicago Presbytery, forty-three delegates	252 11
Ewing Presbytery, nine delegates	51 10
Freeport Presbytery, twelve delegates	89 92
Mattoon Presbytery, sixteen delegates	42 69
Ottawa Presbytery, eight delegates	41 16
Peoria Presbytery, fifteen delegates	57 63
Rock River Presbytery, nine delegates	54 50
Rushville Presbytery, twelve delegates	70 84
Springfield Presbytery, fifteen delegates	33 72
Chairmen and Clerk	12 63
Committee on Expenses	27 67
Total mileage expenses	$ 887 45
Balance in Treasury	1,015 79
Total	$1,903 24

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. J. E. RICHARDS, *Treasurer.*

The Synod accepted the invitation of the Lake Forest Church and College for the next meeting of Synod, extended through President J. S. Nollen.

Rev. W. I. Alexander presented the report for the Committee on Foreign Missions. The report was received, and the recommendations considered seriatim. Pending their adoption the following addressed Synod: Rev. W. B. Allison; Rev. G. H. Trull, Secretary of the Foreign Board for Sunday School Work; Rev. T. D. Logan; and Rev. W. S. P. Bryan.

The report as a whole was adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS, SYNOD OF ILLINOIS, FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1908.

Mr. Moderator and Brethren: More than two hundred years ago Philip Spencer, the Pietist, challenged the attention of the Church with this question: "If the Church maintains the *right* to win the world, why does she not do all in her power to take actual possession?" Aroused by such questions from the Spirit-filled souls of men like Spencer, Carey, Schwartz and Martyn, the Church of Christ has mobilized an army of eighteen thousand five hundred and sent them forth in the name of our Lord to take "actual possession" of the non-Christian world. Of this number, eight thousand five hundred and thirty-eight are men and nine thousand nine hundred and sixty-two are women. More women than men on the "firing line"! All honor to the women of the Church. This Christian army has occupied forty thousand five hundred and thirty-five stations and out-stations, in which there are ninety-five thousand eight hundred and seventy-six native helpers, 1,816,450 communicants and 4,351,138 adherents of Christianity. This Christian constituency on the field last year gave $3,483,920 toward the support of the cause, and Christendom sent $22,459,680. The result of the campaign of the cross in these non-Christian lands last year was 141,127 members added to the church, 1,304,905 children taught in Christian schools, hundreds of thousands treated in Christian hospitals, and millions of pages of literature scattered broadcast, to prepare the way for Christian civilization.

This modern crusade, which seeks to win, not the tomb of the dead Christ, but the hearts of his living people, that they may enthrone the risen Lord there, is gathering new victories every day. It is the deepest and mightiest factor in the transformation which is in progress through all the Orient. Thirty thousand Protestant converts have been won since the work was begun in the Philippines; for the last two years Korea has added sixty per cent a year to her church membership; it took seven years to win the first convert in China, and now there are forty received every day in the year; and every week there are three thousand souls enrolled in the ranks of Christ from these non-Christian lands. The adamantine hardness of Moslem resistence is at last beginning to show the melting power of Christian love, and the upheavals in Turkey and Persia show that a new day is dawning throughout the world of Islam. Erasmus was certainly right when he said, "I see no end to it but the turning upside down of the whole world."

It is our part as a Synod in this great world-movement that your

committee is asked to review. We thank God we have a part,—and no mean part, either—in it. Our churches are certainly catching the world-vision and hearing the King's world-call. They are feeling the force of Spencer's logic; if we have any duty at all to the world, we have a duty to *all* the world.

The statistical table herewith presented shows that of the six hundred and twenty-one churches on our roll, five hundred and six recognized this duty by an offering for the support of the work, while one hundred and five made no offering. It should be said, however, that eighty-five of these non-giving churches report less than fifty members each.

(For Statistical Table see page 27.)

And just here permit us to call attention to the fact that no less than thirty-five churches appear in the Minutes with blanks opposite their names which do not deserve it. They did contribute to foreign missions, and the Board's report acknowledges it; but some pastor or clerk forgot to report it to presbytery. Remember to include the gifts of the Sunday school and women's societies, as well as the congregational offering, in your report.

The amount sent the Board by Congregations was $40,138, a gain of $2,542; Sunday Schools, $3,534, a gain of $44; Young People's Societies, $5,799, a loss of $818; Women's Societies, $32,678, a loss of $1,654; total amount of these gifts was $82,149, a gain of $114.

This was certainly not a large advance, but when we remember the sharp financial stringency of the year, we are thankful that there was not a big deficit. Besides what our churches and societies sent to the Board's treasury the Minutes of the Assembly show they gave this cause $12,911 more, which went into the work through other channels; so that the total gift to foreign missions from this Synod was $95,060. Even this does not include many personal and private gifts sent directly to the field.

Seven presbyteries made an advance in their offerings; viz: Alton, $269; Bloomington, $1,100; Mattoon, $470; Ottawa, $450; Rock River, $397; Rushville, $635; Springfield, $1,213.

In four presbyteries there was a decline of offerings; viz: Cairo, $557; Chicago, $4,556; Freeport, $149; Peoria, $263.

We should, however, remember that Cairo Presbytery gave up many churches in the organization of Ewing Presbytery, and this accounts for the large loss in her offerings.

The new Presbytery of Ewing, with forty-four churches and three thousand five hundred and thirty-eight members, appears for the first time in our report, and brings an offering of $1,105.

The offering per capita in the several presbyteries was as follows: Alton, 42 cents; Bloomington, 99 cents; Cairo, 20 cents; Chicago, $1.33; Ewing, 31 cents; Freeport, 75 cents; Mattoon, 40 cents; Ottawa, 46 cents; Peoria, 73 cents; Rock River, 88 cents; Rushville, 70 cents; Springfield, 61 cents.

There was a loss per capita in every presbytery but Ottawa, Rock River and Rushville. And when we figure up the Synod at large we find that we

STATISTICS OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.

YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1908.

PRESBYTERY.	Number of Churches.	Number of Communicants.	Number of Churches Non-Contributing.	AMOUNT CONTRIBUTED TO THE BOARD BY								Amount in Assembly Minutes.	Gain.	Loss.
				Congregations.	Sunday Schools.	Young People's Societies.	Women's Societies.	Total.	Gain.	Loss.	Average per Member.			
Alton	64	6,869	9	$ 1,788	$ 306	$ 117	$ 770	$ 2,981	$ 269	.....	$ .42	$ 3,055	$ 333	....
Bloomington	68	10,580	13	6,201	426	627	3,192	10,446	1,100	.....	.99	10,832	1,600	....
Cairo	42	3,396	23	384	19	136	154	693	.....	$ 557	.20	621	.....	$626
Chicago	99	28,487	1	15,837	1,393	2,297	18,450	37,977	.....	4,556	1.33	44,197	358	....
Ewing	44	3,538	11	817	89	30	169	1,105	.....	.....	.31	1,342	.....	....
Freeport	29	5,112	1	2,069	115	289	1,369	3,842	.....	149	.75	4,153	303	....
Mattoon	59	6,395	15	1,293	42	121	1,096	2,552	470	.....	.40	2,789	720	....
Ottawa	27	4,385	5	697	231	169	956	2,053	450	.....	.46	2,281	664	....
Peoria	41	6,589	5	2,449	137	466	1,761	4,813	.....	263	.73	4,621	.....	552
Rock River	36	5,541	3	3,323	138	328	1,112	4,901	397	.....	.88	9,697	2,774	....
Rushville	50	6,770	7	2,460	469	589	1,226	4,744	635	.....	.70	5,038	894	....
Springfield	62	9,790	12	2,820	169	630	2,423	6,042	1,113	.....	.61	6,434	1,541	....
Total, 1908	621	97,452	105	$40,138	$3,534	$5,799	$32,678	$82,149	$5,639	$5,525	$ .84	$95,060	.....	....
Total, 1907	667	96,699	82	$37,596	$3,090	$6,617	$34,332	$82,035	.....	.....	$ .98	$85,932	.....	....
Gain	...	753	23	$ 2,542	$ 44	.....	.....	$ 114	.....	.....	.....	$ 9,128	.....	....
Loss	46	.....	...	.....	.....	$ 818	$ 1,654	.....	.....	.....	$ .14	.....	.....	....

sent the Board an average of only a little over eighty-four cents per member, instead of the one dollar and twenty-five cents which we set before ourselves as the minimum, or the five dollars which we acknowledge we ought to give. Eighty-four cents may be all that many of our members can give. But does it adequately represent the ability of the average Presbyterian of Illinois? To a great many the "Omaha Standard" of five dollars seems utterly impossible, but it only needs a little careful calculating to show how easily it could be reached. Cannot Presbyterians go without meat on Friday as well as their Catholic neighbors? Well, fifty cents saved in that way every week in three hundred thousand Presbyterian families in the United States, and put into foreign missions, would pour into our Board's treasury seven million eight hundred thousand dollars. In the presence of a simple fact, who dare say that the "Omaha Standard" is ridiculous and unattainable?

The women's societies have conducted their work with the same zeal and good business sense displayed in the past. They study the field; pray for the missionaries; keep the subject alive in the Sunday school and the dusty craniums of a good many pastors; make pledges to definite work, and then pay them if they have to sell waste paper, raise chickens or coddle grumpy husbands to do it.

They have just held their first separate annual meeting at Paris, Ill., and report a most enthusiastic session. While they missed the fathers and brethren, it is evident that they rather enjoyed being the "whole thing" in the town.

The Young People report forty-one missionary lecture courses, twenty-one study classes, five hundred and forty-three systematic givers, one hundred and twenty-seven "Tenth Legioners," four hundred and sixty-three who give two cents a week, and two hundred who observe the "Quiet Hour." These are not as large figures as they would like to report, but they show us what noble lines of endeavor some of our young people are pursuing. Should not every pastor encourage such endeavors? Is he not doing a great work when he helps to organize a mission study class or Quiet Hour club?

Miss Ethel O. Baum, of Charleston, one of these young people, has given herself to missions and expects to go forth within the year.

The Sunday Schools simply held their own in the support of this cause, with an offering of three thousand five hundred and thirty-four dollars, an average of a little over three cents a scholar. Surely our schools can do better than this. The children will gladly respond if given instruction and the opportunity. The Board has made a wise move in the appointment of Rev. Geo. H. Trull to the specific work of increasing the interest in missions in the Sunday schools. The *"Manual for Missionary Methods in the Sunday School,"* which he has just published, is brimful of suggestions for superintendents and teachers. Pastors would do well to see that a copy is procured for the Sunday school. We should also mention the splendid Christmas exercises which the Board has prepared for use in the Sunday school or as a Sunday evening service. It is most excellent,

and the Christmas tree collection card that goes with it will prove very attractive. These, of the Board, can be had for the asking. They should be procured at once, and the collection cards put in the homes to gather the Christmas gifts for Christ's cause of missions.

We wish we could report that the Brotherhoods in our churches were organizing for aggressive missionary work. Why should they not have a missionary committee to push both home and foreign missions? Why not read and discuss some good, live missionary book in their meetings? Why should not our Presbyterian laymen lead in organizing the interdenominational laymen's forward movement in the city where they reside? Such concerted effort was made by the laymen of Topeka, Kans., and foreign mission offerings increased from about eight thousand to twenty-five thousand dollars; in St. Joseph, Mo., offerings increased from twelve thousand dollars to fifty thousand dollars; in Toronto, Canada, pledges were made for five hundred thousand dollars, against one hundred and forty-one thousand they had given last year. The laymen's movement is the most hopeful sign of the times in the home field. It has large possibilities for spiritual blessing to the church, as well as financial gain to the cause. News comes from Germany that the movement has just been started there. The Christian layman who wants to do something for this cause can do nothing more effective than inaugurate a laymen's movement in his own church. We are sure no layman in our church wants to be branded by the parody Dr. Ira Landrith recently got off:

"In the world's broad field of battle,
In the bivouac of life,
You may see the Christian soldier
Represented by his wife."

The presbyterial chairmen who constitute your Synodical Committee have labored to advance this cause in their respective spheres. In our united capacity we have done little because there has been no opportunity to get together and plan concerted work. We sent out the recommendations adopted by the last Synod. We sent out cards to pastors regarding the grading of the churches in foreign mission work. We issued an appeal to the Sunday schools at Christmas time. The chairman has held repeated conferences with Dr. Bradt and we have just enjoyed a pre-Synodical Committee conference with Dr. Bradt, with Mr. Trull to assist, which has been exceedingly profitable. We believe that our work would be far more effective if we could have another conference during the year at which this would be the only subject before us, and we would have ample time for deliberation and discussion. We also need a fund for postage and printing. These matters have been embodied in the recommendations adopted at yesterday's conference, and are herewith presented.

Your committee recommends:

RECOMMENDATIONS.

I. That we call upon pastors and sessions to once more bring every

member of our churches face to face with the grave responsibility which rests upon the Presbyterian Church—the evangelization of one hundred million souls in non-Christian lands.

II. That we renew our allegiance to the "Omaha Standard" of an average of five dollars per member per year for foreign missions, as the ideal toward which we shall labor; and we again commend as the business method for attaining this standard the following plan:

(1) Every church, large and small, to pledge a definite sum to the Board for a "Parish Abroad."

(2) The raising of this pledge in each church by separate personal subscriptions, in accordance with the following plan:

FOREIGN MISSION SUBSCRIPTION.

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In the effort to discharge my distinct responsibility toward the evangelization of one hundred million peoples in the non-Christian lands, for whom the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. has assumed responsibility, I desire to contribute this year to the cause of foreign missions..... .....dollars, to be paid in full on or before ....190...

I prefer to pay in { WEEKLY / MONTHLY / QUARTERLY / ANNUAL } installments.

Name.....

Date.....190.. Address.....

III. To facilitate the securing of such church pledges we ask Synod to authorize your committee to print and use the following form:

A CHURCH PLEDGE TO THE CAUSE OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

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The ..... Presbyterian Church, of ..... Illinois, hereby pledges itself to pay annually, to the treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., 156 Fifth Avenue, New York, toward the support of a Parish Abroad, the sum of ..... dollars.

It is expressly understood:

(1) That this pledge is not a legal but a moral obligation; that it does not draw interest and may be cancelled or modified by written notice from the session of the above church.

(2) That this pledge does not include money raised by the women's societies or Young People's Societies, which is otherwise pledged.

Payable { QUARTERLY / SEMI-ANNUALLY / ANNUALLY } Adopted by vote of the congregation

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.....Clerk of Session.

IV. That our Sunday school superintendents and teachers be urged to prepare themselves to make this subject interesting and instructive to the youth in our schools; that they use the literature offered by the Board and especially the Christmas and Easter exercises for the current year. We heartily approve the recommendation of the Foreign Mission Board, that Sunday school scholars contribute an average of at least two cents per week per member to foreign missions as their proportion of the "Omaha Standard," and urge each Sunday school of the Synod to adopt this as the minimum standard for Sunday schools.

V. That we heartily approve the Interdenominational Laymen's Missionary Movement, and urge our pastors and laymen to co-operate with the leaders throughout our Synod.

VI. That we recommend that Synod place Foreign Missions on an equal footing, as to time, with the great causes of Home Missions and Education, for the presentation and consideration of the Lord's cause in heathen lands.

VII. That the Synodical Committee be granted one hundred dollars for the prosecution of its work in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. S. MARQUIS, *Chairman.*
WM. I. ALEXANDER,
PHILIP F. MATZINGER,
F. W. HAWLEY,
O. A. SMITH,
W. R. KING,
I. W. ALLEN, JR.

The following resolution, presented by the Committee on Foreign Missions, in the absence of the chairman, was adopted:

That we wish to express our great appreciation of the very efficient work of the Rev. W. S. Marquis, who has been for eighteen years the industrious, consecrated and wise chairman of this committee; and we most cordially recommend his re-election as chairman of this committee for the term of three years.

Rev. T. H. McMichael, President of the United Presbyterian College of Monmouth, was introduced and presented an invitation to visit the college, for the chapel exercises to-morrow morning.

Rev. D. C. Milner presented a resolution on the liquor traffic, which was referred to the Committee on General Church Work.

Elder Thos. A. Hall addressed Synod on the Executive Commission of the General Assembly.

The report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures was read and adopted as follows:

The Committee on Bills and Overtures submit the following report:

There was referred to us a communication from the Board of Home Missions touching the action of the General Assembly in the organization of a German Synod and German presbyteries. The especial matter to which attention is directed is found in Resolution No. 2 of Overture 170 (pages 174-176), and is as follows:

"That the organization of the German Synod of the West be deferred until such time as the above-named presbyteries shall be properly constituted; in the interim they shall be connected with and be under the jurisdiction of the Synod of Iowa, but under the immediate care of the Board of Home Missions as to home missionary offerings, and definite home missionary work, provided that the Synods involved shall approve as to home missionary provisions, and further provided that the Synods interested shall be consulted, and that report shall be made to the next Assembly."

Your committee recommend the approval of the transfer of the German churches, formerly embraced in the Synod of Illinois, to the Board of Home Missions in the matter of soliciting funds and in the support of their needy churches.

We have also had referred to us a communication from the General Assembly's Executive Commission, asking for the appointment of an Executive Commission of this Synod to co-operate with the Assembly's Executive Commission in its efforts to increase the benevolences of the Church.

Your committee recommends the appointment of a committee of five (5) to co-operate with the Assembly's Commission in their plans to increase the contributions to the benevovlent work of the Church. This committee shall report its action and any recommendation it may have to make to the next meeting of Synod.

A. G. Bergen,
I. A. Cornelison,
R. C. Dobson,
T. D. Logan,
C. S. Ogilvie,
C. E. Freeman,
H. B. Roach.

The report of the Committee on The Spiritual Life of the Church was presented by Rev. B. L. Brittin, in the absence of the chairman, Rev. W. C. Covert, and approved as follows:

REPORT ON THE SPIRITUAL LIFE OF THE SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.

Statistics.—There are twelve presbyteries in the Synod of Illinois, enrolling six hundred and twenty-one churches, six hundred and forty-five ministers, twenty-seven hundred and sixty-nine elders and a total membership of ninety-seven thousand four hundred and fifty-two. The largest

membership is in the Presbytery of Chicago, where twenty-eight thousand four hundred and eighty-seven are enrolled; the smallest membership is in the Presbytery of Ewing, with thirty-five hundred and thirty-eight enrolled.

The number of members joining on confession of faith last year was sixty-eight hundred and fifty; by letter, thirty-eight hundred and seventy-six. In the Chicago Presbytery, seventeen hundred and thirteen were received on confession; in Bloomington Presbytery, eleven hundred and eighty-nine; in Springfield, eleven hundred and eighty-nine; in Rushville, two hundred and ninety-seven; in Alton, four hundred and eighty; in Peoria, four hundred and three; in Mattoon, three hundred and thirty-six; in Rock River, two hundred and seventy-four; in Ottawa, two hundred and nineteen; in Ewing, two hundred and three; in Cairo, three hundred and forty-seven; in Freeport, two hundred.

This means that for every minister there were ten converts. That it took fifteen members to get one new member. That for every new member we spent one hundred and seventy-five dollars in congregational expenses. These figures do not tell the whole truth, but they make suggestive comment on our aggressiveness as a church, which the conscience of every pastor, elder and member cannot but earnestly consider.

Our Statistical Blanks.—Our statistical blanks seem to discourage spontaneity and vitality in our narrative reports. The questions asked are partial and do not lead into the larger realms of service where the church is to-day finding a new and fruitful life. These formal questions seem to prevent reports on local field conditions and the changes in needs of work and modes of service that to-day make Christian work difficult in its requirements and different in its results. The stated clerks of presbyteries are urged to make, for the benefit of future reports to Synods, statements relative to conditions in the changed social, racial, industrial life of their presbyteries wherein the Church is finding both her chief problem and her largest opportunity.

Brief answers to categorical questions give no clew to the pastors and elders now meeting as to plans for a state-wide evangelization.

Temperance.—Seventeen thousand four hundred and seventy-four dollars stands in the temperance column as the contribution of the Synod to active work in the cause of temperance. This doubtless may be multiplied by six were the personal gifts of our people to the cause of local temperance known. The people of our churches are aroused to the great moral issues of public life to-day, and through the leadership of pastors, elders and earnest members, men and women are doing effective service on behalf of good order and temperance. A revival among church members that sweeps saloons out of towns and counties may not show in the minutes of the General Assembly, but it is one of the pentecostal blessings for which the church has long prayed and waited. There ought to be a close connection between deepened spiritual life and improved moral order.

Vacancies.—About one-fifth of our pulpits are vacant. They are those,

for the most part, of our smaller churches. But one hundred and one pulpits, small or great, vacant in the Synod at one time, constitute a situation that Synod cannot look upon complacently. These unlighted lamps in the house of God challenge either our polity or our pastoral consecration or the devotion of men and women who call themselves Presbyterians! There must be some way devised, perhaps in cases some interdenominational co-operation, in order that through all of these organized centers the gospel may be preached and pastoral supervision made possible.

Suspensions.—There are on the rolls of our churches the names of thirty-eight hundred and ninety-seven members who have not sufficient interest in Christ's cause to inform sessions of their addresses nor to take their letters to other churches. This list is represented by hundreds of church officers and Sunday school workers that have lost themselves and their consciences in the new conditions of changed residence. Apathy steals the heart of the very elect in this day of restless living. An unattached Christian has absolutely no adequate reason for his position. The suspended list of our churches is the shame of the church! The most earnest and persistent efforts should be put forth to reach the conscience of these lost and strayed Presbyterians and wake them up to their duty to their Lord and Master.

Candidates.—The heart depression of the church through a long continuing decline of candidates for the gospel ministry is now passing. There are hopeful signs abroad. McCormick Seminary opens with the largest class in ten years, numbering fifty-eight. Our presbyteries, with one exception—that of Ewing—report candidates. The total number under the care of the presbyteries last April was fifty-six. Twenty-four being in Chicago Presbytery; nineteen in Bloomington Presbytery; fifteen in Alton, and twelve in Peoria.

When the young men of our churches rise up in increasing numbers and ask to be sent into the sacred ministry, in a day when leadership is a rare and trying privilege, the Church may thank God and take courage.

Our Polity.—We need polity as well as piety in evangelizing our state. Government as well as gospel has a place in the effective saving of the world. The form of our church government is showing its excellent adaptability under all the new and changing conditions of religious life and work.

The presbytery provides that close supervision that the conditions call for and makes possible that quick co-operation and aggression through unified effort that is the price of effectiveness in all moral work. We have open a fine channel of power. We need to pour through it into the life of our day, in stronger and more resistless current, the best we have of manhood and womanhood.

The Presbyterian form of government gives largest liberty for adaptation and guarantees to deliver at the point of greatest need that form of gospel power the day and age call for. In this, every pastor and elder should rejoice and take new hold of the agency in our hands, that to us seems best fitted for the work of saving men.

There are things not in the presbyterial reports that are vitally connected with the spiritual life and progress of the Synod. Of these things the Synod should hear.

1. *Changed Conditions.*—There are changed conditions in modern life that constitute the church's most wonderful opportunity. These conditions are making for the moment the progress of the Church slow and difficult. The Church has never been more sharply challenged as to her competency. She has never had her leadership so fiercely disputed and actually imperilled. To-day, the price of the Church's success and final conquest of the new and trying conditions is the offering of the best she has in wise planning and the sacrificial gift of her manhood and womanhood.

2. *Aliens.*—Illinois communities are in scores of places becoming foreign settlements. Modern industry seeking cheap labor asks no questions as to the ideas of life of employees. The dregs of southern Europe have been drained in order to find the cheapest commodity in the way of human labor. It will be a sowing of the whirlwind and a harvest of calamity unless a wise, vitalized religious life lays hold on these strangers and gives them Christ's point of view and heart of love. They will be victimized by degraded citizens unless the people of God's kingdom greet them with a warm-hearted gospel in the language of their own hearthstone. The spiritual life of our Synod is to be lowered if we stand still and do nothing for the saving of our aliens.

3. *Rural Churches.*—There is a disintegration of that solidity of our rural life that has for a century been a fine American characteristic. That solidified rural life has been the mothering influence of religion. It has been soil out of which strong, fruitful church life has grown and an abundant increase in moral character and sanctified manhood has come.

The breaking up of these old-time neighborhoods with its sad weakening of home and church life, calls for the earnest study and practical attention of our mission workers. Our religious life, our pulpit material, our urban religion are all involved in this question of the imperilled country church.

4. *Competition of Fraternal Organizations.*—The competing influence of various forms of social and fraternal activity are for many of our people working unfavorably to their spiritual life. The spiritual zeal of many young men dies upon the altar of the lodge or fraternal society. I have nothing to say concerning these institutions. They have their work. I, however, lament the fact that to-day, when church work lags for want of leadership, and Christ falls under the weight of his cross that so many active leading, socially conspicuous, intellectually strong men and women are turning aside from the service of the church to give their gifts and talents to these organizations, whose ministry is earthly and to so large a degree selfish. We need to pray that those set to lead in Christ's kingdom may know how to capitalize for church work this social, fraternal spirit that is so dominant in modern life.

5. *Young People.*—There is a languor in the religious life of our young people that calls for thought. The forms that for twenty years have

stimulated our young people to an efficiency that was once unknown, have in many cases lost their energizing power. Pastors from many presbyteries report the life of the Endeavor Society as monotonous and enslaved by these honored forms, out of which life seems to have gone. Through striving to maintain what hitherto has been good, there is a failure to adopt new forms for the changed tastes and needs of a new generation. To this condition among our young people, pastors and elders should give earnest attention. The secret of a revived interest in the young people is to be found in putting them into contact with some vital religious work after their long training in the ingenious school of the Christian Endeavor Society.

6. *Revival Spirit.*—There are signs of refreshing all about us. God's people are rising to do God's bidding in the great public duties, and there is being poured back upon them a spiritual blessing. In many sections of the Synod a deep, true reviving has appeared. It has not always waited upon large mechanical arrangements, but has risen out of the body of the praying Church and gone quietly through the community, leaving sinners converted and God's people renewed in their faith. For this type of God-sent revivings this breathing of the Holy Spirit upon us, the Synod of Illinois may well bow before the Father in earnest supplication.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. Covert, *Chairman.*

A communication from the General Assembly's Committee on Evangelistic Work, requesting the appointment of Rev. W. A. Bodell, a member of that committee, to a place on Synod's Committee on Spiritual Life, was referred to the Committee on Nominations of Committees.

The request of the Committee on Foreign Missions for $100 for expenses was, on motion, reconsidered and, together with a request for an appropriation of $200 for the Committee on Education, was referred to the Finance Committee for consideration.

The following paper, prepared by Rev. W. H. W. Boyle, representing the General Assembly's Committee on Evangelistic Work, was read in his absence, by Rev. J. A. Vance. On motion, the paper was adopted as a report, and is as follows:

FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM.

W. H. Wray Boyle.

It is now over seven years since the General Assembly, met in the city of Philadelphia, realizing the fact of the decadence of the spirit of the gospel in definite soul-seeking and the need of a more aggressive spirit of evangelism in the Church at large, appointed its first committee. The idea did not meet with universal favor at the beginning. A considerable number of churches and not a few presbyteries failed to co-operate in the

general plan. Sceptical as to the value of "extraordinary" methods or "special" methods for reaching the unchurched and unsaved, a good many ministers, even of evangelical spirit, held aloof. Mistakes, it must be confessed, were made, the most serious being the appointment of representatives and evangelists without sufficient study of their qualifications.

However, this was in a large measure rectified by the appointment by presbyteries of special committees on evangelism, the principal duties of such committees being the approval to the General Assembly's committee of accredited and spirit-used men, stimulation of the churches by co-operation of ministers and laymen in concerted efforts for the conversion of sinners and the revival of professing Christians, together with the encouragement of interdenominational movements in the larger towns and cities. Whatever may be its future, so far as organized effort is concerned, the action of the Philadelphia Assembly has been amply justified.

The Presbyterian Church has been lifted on the tide of the Spirit's incoming power to a new level of spiritual efficiency, every agency of her life and work feeling it, from the classes of the Sabbath school to the missionary forces representing the redemption work of the kingdom in contact with the inert mass of heathendom abroad.

The initial emphasis is not put by the wise at figures, and, yet, it must be recognized that the Church has "risen from the dust" to put on her "beautiful garments." Salvation has been "a joyful sound." The old, rousing, emancipating note of the cross has been more distinctly heard. Ethics and æsthetics have had less place in our pulpits and the call to consecration has been the insistent call. The average yearly additions to the Church in the seven years immediately preceding the work of the Evangelistic Committee, and the fuller development of the evangelistic spirit, was fifty-eight thousand and ninety-five. The average during the seven years, in which the Church has been definitely committed to evangelistic effort, has been seventy-two thousand seven hundred and seventy-five.

During the past year there has been a slight decrease, five thousand four hundred and fourteen, in the number received into our churches upon examination, but it must be remembered that during the year there has been almost an entire absence of special evangelistic effort in great Presbyterian centers, Philadelphia being the one exception. The question of lapsed members has been freely discussed. The lapse has been spoken of by one or two religious journals as a result of the evangelistic method of gathering its members by the agency of the "after-meeting draw-net," some of whom are, in the parlance of the Salvation Army, not "soundly saved." The lapse may in part be accounted for in this way, but it has been conclusively shown that the main loss has occurred in the large city churches, with badly congested membership rolls operated upon for signs of real life, generally by new pastors to safeguard their own records.

Simultaneous campaign work has been carried into New England and Canada by Dr. Chapman and his assistants. In New England, the list of confessions in the churches of all denominations co-operating, shows an

increase of one hundred and sixty-eight per cent over the previous year; while in Canada, the Presbyterian Assembly, last June, appointed a Committee on Evangelism, with provincial sub-committees, to work along lines similar to those chosen by our committee. The chairman is Dr. Gordon, of Winnepeg, known to the reading world as "Ralph Connor."

The committee will continue to work along chosen lines. Dr. Lee, who has been wonderfully used of God among college students, will continue to hold conferences, mainly in Presbyterian institutions. Dr. Calhoun will give his whole time, apart from that used in his pastoral labors, to Southern Synods, where his influence has been distinctly conciliatory in disaffected Cumberland territory. Dr. Chapman and his associate workers will enter several of the large cities for simultaneous campaigns. The office will endeavor to keep in touch with presbyterial committees for the supply of literature and evangelists.

The committee seeks to accentuate the necessity of several things:

(a) The recommendation of Christian literature, Church papers and books of distinctly evangelical tone to families and congregations by pastors and sessions.

(b) The organization by sessions of classes for the training of personal workers, if possible to include all Sabbath school teachers.

(c) The putting forth of special efforts by sessions to reach personally such persons as have become indifferent to ordinances or have failed to place their letters.

(d) The desirability of introducing into regular seminary courses some plan for the more complete training of students in evangelistic thought and method, in order to fuller equipment for the work of pastoral evangelism, which, after all, is the divine method, no matter how greatly needed are the times of special effort with special refreshing.

The forces of sin and the world were never more insistent. The most earnest efforts of consecrated men and women are being to a large degree neutralized by a certain worldly mindedness in the Church itself. The invasion of new thought vagaries has been turning tens of thousands away from the vision of the cross and the need of the Spirit's regenerating power. The disposition, which is becoming more and more evident, to look upon the minister as "the hired servant" of an aggregation, rather than the "prophet of God," with authority in his message, is weakening the force of public ministrations. The mischievous doctrine, not infrequently taught and discussed, that the "prayer meeting has seen its day," is aimed at the nucleus of power in the church and community—the "devoted few."

May God give to our Synod in every church "the devoted many"—men and women ruled by Calvary's impulse of absolute love, driven by the imperial imperative of the Master's "I must work the work," to keep the holy fires of devotion and duty burning on the high altars of faith! May the divine spirit fill us with "all the fullness of God"!

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated, the ministers and elders officiating in accordance with the arrangements

announced. After the benediction, Synod took recess until 7.30 to-night.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 7.30 o'clock.

Synod met, Rev. W. R. King presiding, and after devotional services, was addressed by Rev. B. P. Fullerton, Moderator of the General Assembly and Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, on the subject, "Home Missions Essential to the World's Evangelization"; Rev. C. E. Bradt, Field Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, on the subject, "Foreign Missions Essential to the Full Expression of the Christian Life and Development of the Christian Church," and Rev. W. B. Allison, on the Work of the Presbyterian Church in Gautemala.

Synod adjourned with prayer to meet at 8.30 to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, 8.30 A.M.

Synod met and engaged in devotional services, led by the Rev. R. C. Dobson, after which the Moderator called Synod to order and led in the opening prayer.

The minutes of the previous sessions were read and approved.

On motion by Rev. A. G. Bergen, it was ordered that the two gavels used at the last meeting of Synod and representing the union with the Cumberland Church, be kept as the permanent property of Synod and held in custody by the Moderator and his successors for use in the deliberations of the Synod for at least five years and to be stored in the archives as of historic value. It was further ordered that the Moderator procure suitable descriptive plates for said gavels.

Mr. John D. Mercer was excused from further attendance upon Synod.

The Committee of Finance reported the following, which was adopted:

Your Committee of Finance would offer the following recommendations:

1. That the rate of assessment for the following year be two cents per member; one cent for mileage and one cent for the contingent fund.

2. That the Committee on Foreign Missions be allowed seventy-five dollars for expenses.

3. That the Committee on Christian Education be allowed one hundred and seventy-five dollars for expenses.

JNO. A. TRACY, *Chairman.*
E. J. HOLDEN,
J. J. BERGEN.

The motion prevailed that Synod accept the invitation of President McMichael to attend the College Chapel exercises this morning, at 11.30 o'clock, and that Synod take recess from 11.20 until 1.30 o'clock.

The report on General Church Work was made the second order of the day for this afternoon.

Rev. T. D. Logan offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

The Synod of Illinois respectfully overtures the General Assembly to reduce the expenses of administration so that without increasing the assessment there may be sufficient funds for the administration of the Synods and presbyteries.

The Moderator appointed the following committee to co-operate with the Executive Commission of the General Assembly:

Rev. W. R. King, Chairman; Rev. A. G. Bergen, Rev. G. J. E. Richards, Rev. C. H. Johnson, Elder Henry S. Osborne.

In the absence of the committee appointed on resolutions, the Moderator appointed as this committee, Rev. R. C. Dobson.

Rev. T. D. Logan presented the report of the Committee on Home Missions. It was received, and while under consideration, the following addressed Synod: Rev. C. H. Miller, who spoke in behalf of the Board of Freedmen; Rev. W. V. Jeffries, Synodical Superintendent of Home Missions; Rev. C. E. Hayes, Assistant Superintendent, who presented the report of the Church Extension Association and spoke of his work in the field; and Mr. T. A. Hall, who spoke of the work in Chicago under the Church Extension Committee. Mr. C. T. Yeomans presented his report as Treasurer of the Home Missions Committee. Rev. E. M. Clingan read the resolutions of the Committee. The report was adopted as a whole, including the Treasurer's report, and is as follows:

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS TO THE SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN.

Rev. Thomas D. Logan, Springfield.

It is made part of the duty of the Committee on Home Missions to report to the Synod the work which the Board of Missions for Freedmen is carrying on among the negroes of this country. The importance of educating and Christianizing these people is even greater to-day than during

the years immediately succeeding the Civil War. Education unaccompanied with religious and moral instruction will be an injury rather than a benefit to the colored race. The experience of the last forty years has confirmed the wisdom of our earlier Presbyterian workers in making the education largely industrial, and several institutions have drawn largely on our Church, by appealing to our people on the ground of this industrial training. While rejoicing in the success of these undenominational efforts, Presbyterians should be reminded that their own Church is doing just this kind of work, and that our Board of Missions for Freedmen has the first claim upon their liberality. There are two hundred and forty ministers engaged in teaching and preaching to the negroes. In the three hundred and eighty-one churches and missions under the care of the Board, there are twenty-three thousand seven hundred and sixty-eight communicants, of whom eighteen hundred and forty-two were added by examination and one hundred and ninety by certificate. There are three hundred and seventy Sabbath schools, with twenty thousand eight hundred and thirty-two pupils, and one hundred and fourteen day and boarding schools with three hundred and forty-three teachers and thirteen thousand five hundred and seventy-six pupils. The work has been restricted through lack of funds, the entire income from all sources being $172,229, or more than $16,000 less than the previous year. To the support of this work the Synod of Illinois has contributed $4,808 directly from its churches and Sabbath schools, and $5,221 through the agency of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, a total of $10,029. Of the six hundred and twenty-one churches in the Synod, two hundred and thirty-nine have not contributed to this cause. The General Assembly has recommended that an earnest effort be made to secure $220,000. Our non-contributing churches must begin to give, and our contributing churches and societies must largely increase their gifts if we are to do our full duty to our colored brethren.

The general work of home missions under the direction of the Board in New York, as shown in its report to the General Assembly, has been prosecuted with vigor and efficiency. The number of churches aided by the Board is eighteen hundred and seventeen, and the number of missionaries, fifteen hundred and thirty. This includes forty-nine Cuban, Porto Rican, Mexican and Indian helpers. The work of the Board consists not only in the support of these churches, but also in the special departments of church and labor, immigration and evangelistic work. Through the Woman's Board of Home Missions, one hundred and sixty-six missions and schools were conducted among the Alaskans, Indians, Mexicans, Mormons, mountaineers, foreigners, Porto Ricans and Cubans. There were ten thousand and fifty-seven pupils under the instruction of four hundred and forty-two missionaries and teachers. The expenditures of the Board were $630,857 for the support of ministers and churches, and $408,090 for mission schools, a total of $1,038,948. The Board closed the year ending April 1, 1908, with an indebtedness of $47,717. This should be provided for, and funds for its enlarging work should be adequately supplied. The Woman's Synodical Society of Home Missions of the Synod of Illinois contributed $23,562 to this cause.

HOME MISSIONS IN THE SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.

One of the most important matters which has engaged the attention of the chairman of your committee during the past year, was the adjustment of the relations between the Board of Home Missions and the Synod, in a manner satisfactory to the Board, and in harmony with the scheme which has been in operation in this Synod since 1895. After much correspondence, and consultation with members of the Presbytery of Chicago, which has had a similar arrangement with the Board, and with others who have been actively engaged in the work of home missions in other presbyteries, the following agreement, covering the entire Synod, was signed by the chairman of the Synodical Committee on Home Missions, for the Synod, and by Mr. J. E. McAfee, for the Board:

"It is agreed and recommended: (1) That the home mission funds of the different presbyteries, with the exception of those contributed to the Woman's Board, are to be sent to the appropriate presbyterial treasurers. (2) That at least ten per cent of all these funds shall be sent to the Board of Home Missions for its work outside the bounds of the Synod. (3) That so far as is consistent with the interests of the Synod, remittances should be sent to the Board at least semiannually. (4) That the literature of the Board shall be prepared with a view, so far as practicable, to foster interest in both synodical and national aspects; that frequent mention shall be made in the Board's literature of the agreement above; that upon such publications as it may be practicable, a formula substantially like the following shall be printed: 'Funds for the general work of home missions should be sent to the treasurer of the Presbyterial Home Mission Committee.' (5) That the pleasure of individuals in making special contributions for work in or out of the state shall be acceded to, and that such contributions shall not be included as affecting the division agreed upon. (6) That the utmost energies and resources of the Synod and the Board be pledged to pushing our one great enterprise unitedly in the churches in accordance with the agreements above."

In order to quicken an interest in the work of home missions, and to secure increased contributions for the cause within and beyond the borders of the Synod, the Board will send an experienced worker to hold a series of conventions in several of the presbyteries during the month of November, 1908. It is expected that these conferences will be largely attended by the laity as well as by the ministry, and that they will be instrumental in awakening our people to a sense of the vastness of the work to be done in evangelizing our state and nation.

This Synod was represented at two conferences of representatives of Synods conducting their own home mission work, the one held at Cincinnati in November, 1907, and the other at Kansas City, immediately preceding the meeting of the General Assembly in May, 1908. Such conferences have been held for the past three years, and have been found helpful in determining the best methods of conducting missions among immigrants of foreign speech, a work which hitherto was carried on almost exclusively by the self-supporting Synods. The conferences have

also secured uniformity in the method of reporting the work of these Synods. At the last conference it was the general opinion that all the benefits which could be expected to result from the mutual interchange of views had been already reaped, and that the conferences should be discontinued, unless some new issue should make it desirable to have them resumed.

These conferences held at the instance of the self-supporting Synods must not be confused with another conference, called by the Board at its own expense, and meeting in New York, December 4 and 5, 1907. The Synod of Illinois was also represented at this conference, which spent two days in deliberating on the questions involved, and made certain recommendations, which were submitted to the standing committees on Home Missions and Synodical Home Missions of the last General Assembly, and on their united recommendation received the endorsement of the Assembly, as follows:

"It is the judgment of this conference that, to the end that greater unity and more definite co-operation may be secured between the Board on the one hand and the self-supporting Synods on the other, an Advisory Council shall be constituted, of one member from each of the self-supporting Synods, to be appointed by the Synods themselves, to meet annually with officers or representatives of the Board of Home Missions, for consultation and for the devising of plans of co-operation. This council, among other matters, shall consider: 1. Ways in which the Board can help synodical self-support, as (a) By literature; (b) By helping evangelism; (c) In the question of immigration; (d) In the question of church and labor. 2. Ways in which the self-supporting Synods can help the Board, as by—(a) Open doors for literature and appeals; (b) Offering according to the plans approved by the respective Synods. 3. Ways in which each can help the other, as by—(a) Conferences; (b) Evangelistic campaigns.

"And we recommend that the above plan of co-operation be carried to the General Assembly for the approval of the Assembly; and that if so approved, the Home Missions Committees of the Synods be requested to present the same for adoption and for the action necessary to complete the organization of the Advisory Council."

In the report of the General Assembly's Committee on Synodical Home Missions, which was adopted, we find the following language: "This committee has conferred and co-operated with the Home Mission Committee in recommending that practical plans of co-operation be devised between the Board of Home Missions and the self-supporting Synods—it being understood that nothing in this action shall be construed as interfering with the undivided administration of home missions affairs in the self-supporting Synods."

From the above, it appears that the proposed plan has been endorsed by the General Assembly, but that it is not operative so far as any Synod is concerned unless it receives its approval. It therefore remains for this Synod, at the present time, to determine whether it will endorse

the proposed plan, and if endorsed, to appoint a representative in the Advisory Council, and to define his duties.

The past year has been one of reorganization in home mission work as conducted within the Synod. The Presbytery of Chicago has completed the consolidation of its home mission, church erection and Sabbath school work, under the Church Extension Committee, which made its first annual report on April 1, 1908, although in reality it covered only about seven months of systematic effort, in a teeming population of two million souls. In addition to the expenditures incident to building new churches and missions, and the payment of indebtedness on struggling churches, aggregating more than fifteen thousand dollars, the Church Extension Committee has assisted in supporting ministers in twenty-four churches containing three thousand and sixty-six members, of whom two hundred and eighty-four were received by profession of faith, and two hundred and twelve by certificate. In addition, ten missions have been maintained among the foreign speaking population. The contributions from churches and individuals for the cause of Church Extension were thirty-nine thousand five hundred dollars, with pledges to the amount of fourteen thousand dollars, many of which have been paid since April 1. Some difficulty has been experienced in determining what proportion of this money should be reported as expended in strictly home missionary effort; but the presbytery determined that sixty per cent should be so regarded, and that the expenses of administration should be divided in the ratio of sixty to forty between home missions and the other causes represented, but that special contributions might be assigned to either cause according to the wish of the donor. The amount credited to home missions was $25,700.53. The Presbytery of Chicago is in full accord with the work of the entire Synod, and is co-operating in it most heartily.

In the Synod at large, the reorganization and adjustment has been occasioned by the consolidation of the work carried on by the Church Extension Association of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church with that of the Synodical Committee. By the terms of union, the superintendents of both organizations were to be employed in the common work. Rev. W. V. Jeffries was made superintendent of Illinois Home Missions, and Rev. C. E. Hayes, D.D., associate superintendent. These brethren have labored together harmoniously and effectively, and have been ably sustained by the presbyterial chairman and committees. The larger administrative expenses incident to the reorganization made it imperative that there be special efforts to increase the contributions from the churches, and this task was assigned to Mr. Jeffries, who has used a system of "follow-up" letters which proved effective in increasing the contributions in the eleven presbyteries outside Chicago from $12,631, in 1907, to $19,029, in 1908, or about fifty per cent. While the expense of this canvass for funds has fallen upon the Synodical Committee, the first benefit has accrued to the presbyterial treasuries, but the presbyterial committees have shown commendable liberality in appropriating funds for the synodical work and the Board of Home Missions. Mr. Jeffries wishes to express his appreciation of the assistance rendered by the presbyterial treas-

urers, who were repeatedly called upon to furnish information without which the plan could not have been carried through. Their reward is found in the results they helped to achieve. The following quotations are from the report of Superintendent to the chairman of the Synodical Committee:

"I have tried to study the conditions, problems and needs of our work in every part of the Synod. For this purpose I have made trips to many and widely separated portions of the state. I have met with committees, with presbyteries, in presbyterial rallies and have visited a large number of our home missionary churches in order to get into the closest possible contact with them. One of our gravest problems is that of the evangelization of the foreigners in our midst. This work is new, and because it is new, requires very careful observation and scrutiny. I have personally visited foreign settlements, have gone into homes, into places of resort, of business and of work, seeking to know at least some of these people personally, and to do what I could at first hand. Monthly reports have been sent me from our Bulgarian and Italian missions. I have caused literature to be sent to, and distributed among other nationalities, and without any cost to our treasury.

"A considerable number of churches have been helped to find pastors or stated supplies who seem to give promise of being the right men for the places. This work has required most careful and painstaking effort, and has been a real personal burden, at least in many instances, to the superintendent. Sometimes churches have needed to be visited in order to keep them from insisting upon aid from our home mission funds. Friendly yet frank and earnest conferences with officers and members have saved no little money for other places where it was more imperatively needed. Care in this matter will convince the givers of home mission money that their generosity is not being imposed upon by our carelessness in administration.

"Last year the General Assembly's Evangelistic Committee did not give us any money for evangelistic work. The Presbytery of Ottawa came to our rescue, and provided means for several months of such service. This year that help is no longer available. It is therefore necessary either to find means elsewhere, or to give up the doing of this kind of work. Early last summer I chose the former alternative, and I have succeeded in getting from some individuals here and there in the state, without appealing to a single church, or interfering with any of its benevolences, sufficient means to guarantee the support of at least one helper for the entire season. That helper is Mr. A. W. Gray, who has already begun his work. This evangelistic effort is planned with a view to careful, sane work that will last, and be the means of permanently building up the church. In addition to Mr. Gray, I have secured for a few months, without any cost to the Synod's treasury, the services of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey, who helped us in a similar way for two months last spring. Careful and frequent reports come to me from every meeting, both during its progress and after its close, and it is my care to see to it that everything possible is done to make the work successful in the most spiritual sense, and to

render it as little of a burden as possible to our treasury. On a few occasions I have had the pleasure of visiting these meetings while in progress and of rendering some little service in them.

"One of our gravest problems is that of getting the means of carrying on our home mission enterprises, both in the Synod and beyond. Much effort has been made to secure larger contributions. This effort has not been in vain, as our report this year will abundantly show. For the year ending September 30, in the eleven presbyteries outside of Chicago, we have made a total gain over last year of $6,398.19. This gain is in actual cash sent to our presbyterial and synodical treasuries. Of this gain, it ought to be said that part of it is due to our acquisition of the former Cumberland Presbyterian churches. Of the churches so coming to us, seventy-one have made contributions. The grand total given this year by all of these churches is $1,425.32. Subtracting this from the whole gain, we find that this year the churches which have always been Presbyterian made a gain in contributions over last year of $4,972.87."

The following extracts are taken from the report of Rev. C. E. Hayes:

"The Associate Superintendent has spent much of his time in the field looking after the interest of the mission points and the weak and discouraged congregations. Some time has been given to the study of the field and its needs. Various sections of the Synod have been covered in missionary and evangelistic work. In some fields it became necessary to make a house-to-house canvass in order to get hold of the exact situation. This, his first year of service in the work of the reunited Church, has been a year of joy and thanksgiving, as he has undertaken to solve the many difficult and often perplexing problems connected with the work. Special work has been done in the following presbyteries: Alton, Bloomington, Cairo, Ewing, Mattoon, Peoria, Rushville and Springfield. More attention was given to the work in the Cairo and Ewing presbyteries, as they seem to be the more needy fields. Special attention has been given to locating pastors or supplies in such places. As a result of this special work, thirty-two churches are being supplied with part or all-time preaching, where if left to themselves, they would probably be without the means of grace. These churches thus aided, are looking at home missions from a new point of view, and in most instances, are cheerfully and freely responding with their offerings, that other needy fields might have our assistance. In a number of instances it was absolutely necessary for the Associate Superintendent to go on the field and lay plans and assist in raising money for the support of a minister. In no instance was there a failure in securing the necessary amount.

"As we have gone among the churches it has been our constant endeavor to stimulate and encourage them to larger offerings for home missions. It has been our purpose at all times to make the work permanent in localities of promise. Special emphasis has been placed upon developing weak and run-down churches, encouraging the discouraged and giving a helping hand wherever needed. A large number of fields thus aided are now returning interest compounded. We have not overlooked the entering of new fields and the organizing of new churches. The work in this

direction has been more fruitful than was anticipated. We have conducted during the year a number of evangelistic meetings, in this way saving to the denomination a number of churches. In all this work, the hearty co-operation of the committeemen in the various presbyteries, and the assistance of self-sacrificing pastors, have contributed much to the success achieved. Only a few months since we held a ten-days' meeting in a country church having on its roll about thirty members, and these greatly discouraged. The meeting closed with some fifty professions, and forty additions to the church. Since then a new church house and manse have been dedicated to the Lord and a pastor installed. During the year we have organized one new church, resuscitated eighteen and dedicated two churches and one manse, securing subscriptions to cover the indebtedness of over three thousand dollars. As the Field Editor, I have supplied the columns of the Church Extension Herald, a paper belonging to the Synod, with news items and other suitable reading matter from different parts of the state. The paper has about fifteen hundred subscribers at twenty-five cents a year. It is published on the first of each month. The business department of the paper has been conducted by Mr. T. H. Perrin, without cost to the church.

"In conducting our work we have traveled 11,161 miles, held seven revival meetings, visited eighty-seven churches, preached two hundred and seventy-two sermons, delivered thirty-eight addresses, visited in three hundred and seventy-eight homes and attended five presbyterial meetings. At the direction of the Home Mission Committee, we collected pledges made to the former Cumberland Presbyterian Church for state work, to the amount of three hundred and forty-five dollars, and turned it over to the treasurer of the Illinois Church Extension Association. The sum of one hundred and eight dollars and thirty-seven cents has been collected for Presbyterial Home Missions and sent to the proper presbyterial treasurers. The total sum collected for supply work, and from other sources, in addition to the above, amounted to five hundred and ninety-nine dollars and twenty-one cents, which was forwarded each month to the synodical treasurer. The duty of preparing the program and making the arrangements for the State Sunday School and Christian Endeavor Convention, which was held at Mattoon, June 2, 3 and 4, was assigned to your Associate Superintendent. More than two hundred persons were in attendance from various sections of the Synod, representing Sunday schools and Christian societies."

Special work among immigrants of foreign speech has been conducted to a greater extent than hitherto. In the Presbytery of Chicago there are an Italian church and mission, two Bohemian missions, one Chinese mission, one Slavic, one Persian, two German and Scandinavian and one mixed Scandinavian, Irish and Jewish mission. These have a membership of six hundred and thirty, ninety-five of whom were received during the year. There has been an average attendance of eight hundred and sixty-nine at the services, and an enrollment of nineteen hundred and two in the Sabbath schools. The Synodical Committee has continued to sustain the Italian mission at Ladd, in connection with the Congregational-

ists, who pay one-third of the salary of the missionary, Mr. A. Martignetti, for his services at Spring Valley. After spending a month upon the field under the direction of the Superintendent, the Rev. T. S. Bagranoff, a Bulgarian minister, accepted appointment as missionary at Madison and Granite City. Services in the Bulgarian language were held in the Presbyterian churches at both places, and night schools were opened, the tuition fees being sufficient to pay the rentals and contingent expenses. The work progressed favorably during the winter, but in March the industrial depression led to the closing of the manufacturing establishments, and many of the Bulgarians were reduced to extreme want. Mr. Bagranoff was untiring in his efforts for the relief of his countrymen, collecting funds, and using his own means to provide food for the starving. He also succeeded in securing employment elsewhere for many needy ones. As the result of his faithful service in the emergency, our missionary has won the confidence of the entire community, and Mrs. Bagranoff has been engaged by the public school authorities to teach the Bulgarians and those of other nationalities, who were crowding the primary departments in their desire to learn the English language. In spite of the special difficulties, the work has been prospered spiritually, and a number of Bulgarians have been received into the membership of the Presbyterian churches of Madison and Granite City. It is proposed to establish a Hungarian mission at East St. Louis, in connection with a mission to be sustained by the Board of Home Missions in St. Louis, but circumstances have delayed its organization.

A detailed statistical report is appended, together with the reports of the treasurer, and the contributions from the churches. The work of the year may be summarized as follows: The Presbyterian and Synodical Committees have aided in sustaining one hundred and forty-six churches and twelve missions, employing one hundred and two ordained ministers and eight other workers, the assisted churches ten thousand three hundred and forty-five members, of whom ten hundred and fifty-seven have been received by profession of faith, and four hundred and eighty by certificate. The Sabbath school membership is 15,144. The assisted churches raised $55,790 for their own support, and $7,576 for beneficence. Twelve missions among foreign speaking immigrants are conducted in nine languages.

With this report the chairman closes his third term of service, leaving the work fully organized and ready to be carried forward under the direction of anyone whom the Synod may see fit to appoint.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS D. LOGAN, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

MR. CHAS. T. YEOMANS, Danville.
Treasury of the Synodical Committee.
September 30, 1907, to September 30, 1908.

1. RECEIPTS.

PRESBYTERIES.	From Presbyterial Treasurer.	Pulpit Supplies Synodical Superintendent.	For Evangelistic Work.	Total.
Alton	.....	$ 109 93	.....	$ 109 93
Bloomington	$ 900 00	230 28	$ 73 00	1,203 25
Cairo	.....	91 16	9 34	100 50
*Chicago	1,596 00	.....	.....	1,596 00
Ewing	.....	16 60	111 75	128 35
Freeport	400 00	17 85	.....	417 85
Mattoon	.....	50 85	71 00	121 85
Ottawa	700 00	71 35	446 50	1,217 85
Peoria	300 00	.....	15 00	315 00
Rock River	700 00	18 83	10 00	728 83
Rushville	1,000 00	61 35	122 00	1,183 35
Springfield	1,600 00	192 76	.....	1,792 76
Total	$ 7,196 00	$ 860 93	$ 858 59	$ 8,915 52
Sustentation Soc. of C. P. branch	600 00	.....	.....	.....
Old Salem Chautauqua S. S.	20 86	.....	.....	.....
Individuals for general work	130 00	.....	.....	.....
Individuals for Evangelistic work	50 00	.....	.....	$ 800 86
Total receipts	.....	.....	.....	$ 9,716 38
Balance on hand Sept. 30, 1907	.....	.....	.....	2,597 54
Amount to be accounted for	.....	.....	.....	$ 12,313 92

2. EXPENDITURES.

September 30, 1907, to September 30, 1908.

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.

Postage, Stationery, Etc.	$ 135 90	
Committee Meetings	210 60	$ 346 50

ILLINOIS WORK.

Granted to Presbyteries	$ 775 00	
Synodical Superintendents' Salaries and Expenses	3,794 19	
Evangelistic Work	825 00	
Salaries of Two Foreign Workers	1,505 24	$ 6,899 43

NEW YORK BOARD:

*Grant by Synodical Committee	$ 3,596 00
Total expenditures	$ 10,841 93
Balance on hand Sept. 30, 1908	1,471 99
	$ 12,313 92

REPORT SEPTEMBER 30, 1907.

Total expenditures	$ 7,734 84
Cash balance on hand	2,597 54

* The grant of $1,596 to New York Board by Chicago Presbytery was sent direct by their treasurer to the New York office. It is included in this report to show the complete transactions of the entire Synod.

TREASURERS OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

September 30, 1907, to September 30, 1908.

1. RECEIPTS.

PRESBYTERIES.	Churches.	Schools.	Young People's Societies.	Other Sources.	Total Receipts.	Cash Balance, 1907.	Total to Account For.
Alton	$ 1,598 29	$ 50 25	$ 81 77	.....	$ 1,730 31	$ 448 88	$ 2,179 19
Bloomington	2,809 85	109 30	92 20	$ 75 00	3,086 35	692 02	3,778 37
Cairo	599 01	13 55	81 00	214 73	908 29	163 27	1,071 56
Chicago	*25,700 53	.....	.....	.....	25,700 53	.....	25,700 53
Ewing	1,265 90	159 25	26 61	451 00	1,902 76	164 10	2,066 86
Freeport	1,203 34	73 10	26 00	16 56	1,319 03	571 00	1,890 03
Mattoon	1,275 84	7 00	10 00	150 00	1,442 84	147 58	1,590 42
Ottawa	612 46	143 60	102 12	.....	858 18	431 48	1,289 66
Peoria	1,625 57	12 00	7 65	.....	1,645 22	226 07	1,871 29
Rock River	1,467 74	120 29	56 94	.....	1,644 97	213 49	1,858 46
Rushville	2,445 66	108 50	69 95	.....	2,624 11	350 77	2,974 88
Springfield	2,095 86	94 67	79 00	16 08	2,285 61	903 15	3,188 76
Total Synod.	$ 42,700 08	$891 51	$633 24	$923 37	$ 45,148 20	$ 4,311 81	$ 49,460 01
Total, 1907.	31,670 99	724 40	440 29	945 02	33,780 70	5,181 53	45,359 25

* This amount represents sixty per cent of the contributions to the committees on Church Extension of the Presbytery of Chicago, and some special gifts.

2. EXPENDITURES.

PRESBYTERIES.	Salaries of Missionaries.	To Synod's Treasurer.	Administration Expenses.	Total Expended.	Cash Balance, 1908.	Total Accounted For.
Alton	$ 1,646 64	.....	$ 17 60	$ 1,664 24	$ 514 95	$ 2,179 19
Bloomington	1,200 02	$ 900 00	.....	2,100 02	1,678 35	3,778 37
Cairo	848 30	.....	62 57	910 87	160 69	1,071 56
Chicago	22,380 33	1,596 00	981 06	24,957 39	743 14	25,700 53
Ewing	1,585 42	.....	28 57	1,613 99	452 87	2,066 86
Freeport	540 34	400 00	61 75	1,002 09	887 94	1,890 03
Mattoon	1,131 75	.....	10 50	1,142 25	448 17	1,590 42
Ottawa	367 00	700 00	12 65	1,079 65	210 01	1,289 66
Peoria	1,438 46	300 00	6 00	1,744 46	126 83	1,871 29
Rock River	575 00	700 00	2 00	1,277 00	581 46	1,858 46
Rushville	1,364 58	1,000 00	29 01	2,393 59	581 29	2,974 88
Springfield	297 50	1,600 00	26 84	1,924 34	1,264 42	3,188 76
Total	$ 33,375 34	$ 7,196 00	$ 1,238 55	$ 41,809 89	$ 7,650 12	$ 49,460 01
Total, 1907	27,509 67	6,324 72	5,305 98	39,140 37	6,218 88	45,359 25

RECEIPTS FROM ILLINOIS BY NEW YORK BOARD.

September 1, 1907, to September 1, 1908.

As Reported by HARVEY C. OLIN, Treasurer.

PRESBYTERIES.	Through Woman's Board.	Churches, S. S., C. E., Etc., Direct to New York.	Synodical Treasurer.	Total.	Living Individuals.	Legacies.	Total from All Sources.
Alton	$ 613 22	$ 106 89		$ 720 11			$ 720 11
Bloomington	3,114 11	173 64		3,287 75			3,287 75
Cairo	187 28	47 19		234 47			234 47
Chicago	10,201 03	10,310 77	$ 1,596	22,107 80			22,107 80
Ewing	409 90			409 90			409 90
Freeport	1,038 81	16 85		1,055 66			1,055 66
Mattoon	972 69	167 75		1,140 44			1,140 44
Ottawa	769 52	485 24		1,254 76			1,254 76
Peoria	1,738 40	17 08		1,755 48			1,755 48
Rock River	1,215 53	5 40		1,220 93			1,220 93
Rushville	1,229 54	77 33		1,306 87			1,306 87
Springfield	2,072 68	150 75		2,223 43			2,223 43
Synod			$ 2,000	2,000 00	$415 56	$ 6,156 90	8,572 46
Total	$23,562 71	$11,558 89	$ 3,596	$38,717 60	$415 56	$ 6,156 90	$45,290 06

SUMMARY OF HOME MISSION CONTRIBUTIONS.

Woman's Board of Home Missions	$ 23,562 71	
Churches, S. S., C. E., Etc., direct to the Board	11,558 89	
Synodical Treasurer to the Board	2,000 00	
Treasurer of Chicago Presbytery to the Board	1,596 00	
Total to the Board from agencies of the church		$ 38,717 60
Gifts to the Board from living individuals	$ 415 56	
Gifts to the Board from legacies	6,156 90	
Total to the Board from individuals		$ 6,572 46
Total to the Board from all sources		$ 45,290 06

EXPENDED IN PRESBYTERIAL WORK.

Missionaries	$ 33,375 34	
Administration	1,238 55	$ 34,613 89
Expended in Synodical Work including Evangelistic Meetings	6,899 43	
Total expended within the Synod		$ 41,513 32
Total contributed from all sources within the Synod		$ 86,803 38

STATISTICAL REPORT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1908.

This report is in the form agreed upon by the Synods conducting their own Home Mission Work.

	Total Synod, 1907.	Total Synod, 1908.	Presbytery of Alton.	Presbytery of Bloomington.	Presbytery of Cairo.	Presbytery of Chicago.	Presbytery of Ewing.	Presbytery of Freeport.	Presbytery of Mattoon.	Presbytery of Ottawa.	Presbytery of Peoria.	Presbytery of Rock River.	Presbytery of Rushville.	Presbytery of Springfield.
No. of Ch's receiving grants of aid	132	146	13	13	17	24	19	4	10	3	10	4	20	9
No. of Miss. and preaching stations	.....	12	1	.....	2	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Home Mission Ch's organized	1	2	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
New Self-sustaining Ch's organized	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Churches reaching self-support	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. of ordained ministers employed	97	102	8	6	10	25	11	3	8	3	5	4	11	8
No. of other workers employed	.....	8	.....	2	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Additions of professions of faith	1,048	1,057	125	108	108	362	36	7	153	15	57	12	47	27
Additions by certificate	506	480	21	29	64	212	36	.....	42	5	28	6	27	10
Total membership	9,347	10,345	975	553	935	3,553	938	241	593	197	688	194	1,071	407
Adult baptisms	372	378	61	70	52	81	9	.....	33	7	27	5	20	13
Infant baptisms	418	415	30	12	95	196	13	9	22	8	7	2	14	7
New Sabbath Schools organized	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total Sabbath Schools	124	155	13	13	17	33	19	4	10	3	10	4	20	9
Total Sabbath School membership	12,651	15,144	1,439	845	1,045	6,707	908	249	888	225	647	327	1,303	561
Amt. raised by aided Ch's for self-sup.	$ 60,859	$ 55,790	$ 5,367	$ 2,865	$ 5,175	$ 15,267	$ 6,245	$ 1,200	$ 3,750	$1,710	$ 3,474	$ 2,450	$ 6,240	$ 2,047
Amt. raised by aided Ch's for benef.	$ 5,741	$ 7,576	$ 666	$ 392	$ 424	$ 2,129	$ 895	$ 247	$ 512	$ 230	$ 714	$ 267	$ 971	$ 129
No. of Church buildings	125	146	13	13	17	24	19	4	10	3	10	4	20	9
Value of same	$206,500	$513,100	$32,500	$29,700	$30,300	$252,500	$35,700	$ 12,000	$31,700	$8,500	$19,500	$14,000	$32,700	$14,000
No. of Churches built during the year	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Value of same	$ 6,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Church debts cancelled to amt. of	$ 200	$ 1,447	$ 310	.....	$ 404	.....	$ 33	.....	$ 700	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Church b'ld'gs enlarged and repaired	.....	9	1	1	1	2	.....	1	.....	1	1	.....	1	.....
Cost of such improvements	.....	$ 4,115	$ 600	$ 238	$ 15	$ 1,700	.....	$ 100	.....	$ 300	$ 400	.....	$ 1,000	.....
Number of manses	32	43	6	4	6	1	4	2	2	2	2	2	9	3
Value of same	$ 40,500	$ 59,170	$ 9,970	$ 6,800	$ 9,500	$ 2,500	$ 4,000	$ 4,500	$ 3,200	$4,000	$ 3,000	$ 4,000	$11,400	$ 3,100

CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE CHURCHES TO HOME MISSIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1908.

Alton Presbytery.

Church.	Minimum Apportionm't.	Gave.
ALTON, FIRST	$ 108.90	$ 191.73
Alton, Twelfth Street	62.40	47.27
BALDWIN	23.40	26.00
Belleville	48.00	37.00
Bethalto	4.80	.....
Bethel	27.00	19.95
Blair	14.10	.....
BRIGHTON	15.30	16.71
Butler	16.20	7.01
Carlinville	18.90	7.50
CARLYLE	12.00	16.00
Carrollton	57.30	45.00
Chester	54.30	39.00
Coffeen	21.00	11.60
Collinsville	42.60	8.00
Donnellson	49.80	5.68
EAST ST. LOUIS, First	132.00	146.70
EAST ST. LOUIS, Second	17.10	20.00
East St. Louis, Bond Ave	3.30	.....
East St. Louis, Park	19.50	11.97
EBENEZER	18.30	19.00
EDWARDSVILLE	31.80	58.00
Girard	18.00	.....
Granite City	36.00	35.00
Greenfield	24.90	6.08
Greenville	108.00	75.60
HARDIN	36.00	52.00
HILLSBORO	78.90	80.00
Irving	35.40	.....
JERSEYVILLE	105.30	122.49
KAMPSVILLE	6.60	6.75
LEBANON	12.30	18.40
Liberty Prairie	12.30	9.00
Litchfield	90.90	.....
MADISON	36.00	36.20
Maple Grove	7.80	.....
Moro	22.20	.....
Nokomis	37.50	.....
Palmyra	22.50	.....
RAYMOND	34.20	35.34
Rockwood	11.70	4.00
SALEM, GERMAN	18.30	20.00
SORENTO	28.80	31.50
Sparta	119.40	66.21
Spring Cove	18.00	.....
STAUNTON	9.90	17.00
Steelville	17.10	.....
Sugar Creek	15.90	2.00
SUMMIT GROVE	7.50	8.50
Trenton	22.50	7.00
TROY	26.40	36.40
UNITY	6.30	9.00
Upper Alton	39.00	20.00
Virden, First	48.30	24.00
Virden, North	4.20	.....
Walnut Grove	8.10	5.40
Walnut Hill	5.70	.....
Walshville	9.90	.....
Waveland	7.80	.....
White Hall	57.30	25.00
Witt	24.00	20.10
WOODBURN, GERMAN	15.30	20.00
Yankeetown	4.80	.....
ZION, GERMAN	11.10	17.00
	$2,030.10	$1,553.99

Bloomington Presbytery.

Church.	Minimum Apportionm't.	Gave.
Allerton	$ 19.20	$ 11.00
Alvin	3.00	.....
Bement	102.60	90.00
BLOOMINGTON, First	110.10	120.00
BLOOMINGTON, Second	205.50	289.00
Bethel	18.00	.....
Catlin	24.60	15.00
Champaign	156.60	148.67
CERRO GORDO	6.30	6.50
Chatsworth	2.70	.....
Chenoa	55.80	.....
CLARENCE	18.60	20.91
CLINTON	151.20	200.00
Colfax	9.00	.....
COOKSVILLE	26.70	27.62
DANVERS	24.60	25.15
DANVILLE, First	171.60	176.28
Danville, Second	30.00	.....
Danville, Imm'l	80.40	60.00
Danville, Bethany	23.40	23.00
Danville, Olivet	21.00	10.00
DeWitt	12.00	.....
DOWNS	19.50	26.85
Elm Grove	2.40	.....
EL PASO	42.00	281.25
FAIRBURY	56.10	132.00
Fairmount	23.40	.....
Farmer City	3.60	.....
Georgetown	15.60	7.00
GIBSON CITY	74.70	410.10
GILMAN	21.90	26.00
Heyworth	65.40	14.40
Highland	11.70	5.00
HOMER	49.50	49.70
HOOPESTON	80.70	96.65
Jersey	12.00	8.15
LeRoy	66.90	2.25
Lexington	47.70	21.01
Liberty	4.50	.....
MAHOMET	10.80	24.25
Mansfield	27.00	1.90
Midland City	8.40	7.00
Monticello	52.50	8.70
Mt. Pisgah	5.70	3.00
MT. PLEASANT	63.30	100.00
Normal	44.70	30.25
Olive Branch	6.00	.....
Onarga	70.50	1.00
Paxton	43.80	20.00
PHILO	36.00	61.00
Pleasant Ridge	18.00	5.00
PIPER CITY, First	75.60	91.00
Piper City, Second	10.80	5.37
PRAIRIE VIEW	11.40	17.00
Rankin	36.90	22.25
Ridge Farm	33.00	24.85
Rossville	32.40	25.50
SHELDON	34.50	37.10
Selma	.30	.....
SIDNEY	18.90	23.05
Sheridan	7.50	.....
TOLONO	32.10	100.00
TOWANDA	18.00	25.00
Urbana	106.20	95.00
WATSEKA	42.90	43.50
WAYNESVILLE	26.70	30.83
Wellington	28.50	7.46
Westville	6.00	.....
Yankee Point	9.00	.....
	$2,793.60	$3,113.50

Cairo Presbytery.

Church.	Minimum Apportionm't.	Gave.
ANNA	$ 69.30	$ 104.25
AVA	16.80	22.40
Bethany	9.90	.....
Bethlehem	12.00	.....
CAIRO	83.40	101.10
Campbell Hill	15.00	15.00
CARBONDALE	73.20	103.45
Carterville	33.30	7.04
Central (Crossville)	25.50	.....
COBDEN	39.90	50.00
Concord	18.00	.....
County Line	6.60	.....
Ebenezer (West End)	18.00	.....
Ebenezer (Lick Creek)	9.00	.....
ELDORADO	7.20	12.53
EQUALITY	16.80	35.05
Galatia	12.30	10.00
Gilead	3.00	.....
GOLCONDA	24.60	24.92
Good Hope	24.30	.....
Grand Tower	27.00	.....
Harrisburg	29.40	23.90
HERRIN	22.20	25.00
Lebanon	9.00	.....
LIBERTY	4.20	5.60
METROPOLIS	21.00	41.50
Mt. Hebrou	9.60	.....
Mt. Olivet	18.30	.....
Mt. Pleasant	12.00	.....
Mt. Sterling	35.40	.....
Murphysboro	96.00	5.00
NEW HAVEN	8.40	11.20
New Hope	18.00	9.07
New Liberty	18.60	.....
New Prospect	7.50	1.00
Oak Grove	4.50	.....
Old Home	16.50	.....
Palestine	3.00	.....
Palestine (Omaha)	27.00	5.00
Pisgah	32.70	2.00
PLEASANT GROVE	10.50	14.50
Pleasant Hill	9.30	.....
Pleasant Ridge	5.40	.....
Providence	18.00	.....
Ridgeway	21.30	.....
Ringold	3.60	.....
Saline Mines	12.00	10.00
SHAWNEETOWN	48.90	50.00
Sulphur Springs	7.20	.....
Union	43.50	.....
Union, Norris City	9.00	.....
Union Chapel	6.60	.....
	$1,133.70	$ 689.51

Ewing Presbytery.

Church.	Minimum Apportionm't.	Gave.
ALBION	$ 51.00	$ 51.42
BRIDGEPORT	19.20	70.75
Broughton	7.80	.....
Burnt Prairie	6.00	.....
Calvin	3.30	.....
CARMI	50.40	300.00
CENTRALIA	72.30	75.00
CROSSVILLE	4.50	20.00
Duquoin	60.00	29.60
Elm River	7.50	.....
ENFIELD	57.00	76.35
FAIRFIELD	27.30	90.95
Flora	40.20	31.29
Friendsville	9.60	4.00
GALUM	31.50	32.00
Gilead	3.00	1.50
GOOD HOPE	7.50	9.00
Grayville	30.60	22.74
KELL	4.50	21.50
KINMUNDY	9.30	14.80
LAWRENCEVILLE	18.00	130.00
Liberty	6.90	.....
McLeansboro	27.00	16.00
MT. CARMEL	53.10	109.00
MT. OLIVET	18.30	26.00
Mt. Moriah	7.50	.....
Mt. Nebo	1.50	.....
Mt. Vernon	79.80	24.61
Mt. Oval	29.10	.....
MT. OLIVE	8.40	14.00
NASHVILLE	24.00	27.00
New Bethel	11.70	10.90
NORRIS CITY	30.00	35.75
Oak Grove	4.50	.....
ODIN	9.60	10.00
OLNEY	46.50	46.80
Patoka	15.00	6.00
PISGAH	32.70	46.50
RICHLAND	9.00	13.50
Salem	60.00	.....
SUMNER	15.90	36.50
Tamaroa	27.60	7.00
Union (Norris City)	.....	4.00
Union (Golden Gate)	15.00	.....
Union Ridge	35.10	.....
WABASH	32.40	65.85
ZION	26.40	28.20
	$1,147.50	$1,508.51

Freeport Presbytery.

Church.	Minimum Apportionm't.	Gave.
APPLE RIVER	$ 10.50	$ 21.17
Belvidere	11.20	4.75
CEDARVILLE	26.40	26.50
DAKOTA	24.90	32.78
Elizabeth	22.20	19.00
Forreston	32.10	6.00
FREEPORT, First	141.00	162.35
Freeport, Second	125.10	75.50
GALENA, First	45.60	106.21
GALENA, GERMAN	17.10	37.00
Galena, South	53.70	26.72
HANOVER	36.60	42.00
Harvard	31.20	22.60
Lena	2.40	.....
Linn-Hebron	39.30	20.00
Marengo	93.00	44.15
MIDDLE CREEK	33.00	130.67
Oregon	34.80	10.00
PRAIRIE DELL	15.90	21.00
RIDGEFIELD	21.60	22.60
Rockford, First	188.10	102.64
Rockford, Westminster	95.40	95.40
SAVANNA	28.20	29.00
Scales Mound	17.70	10.00
Warren	47.10	22.75
Willow Creek	113.70	67.69
WINNEBAGO	62.10	82.60
Woodstock	51.00	25.00
Zion (Schapville)	25.80	21.00
	$1,538.70	$1,286.48

Mattoon Presbytery.

Church.	Minimum Apportionm't.	Gave.
Arcola	$ 28.20	$ 15.65
Ashmore	23.40	.....
Ashmore (A)	30.00	.....
ASSUMPTION	35.70	71.30

Church.	Minimum Apportionm't.	Gave.
Beckwith Prairie	15.90	15.55
Bethany (Assumption)	8.10	.....
Bethany (A)	75.00	.....
Bethel (Arcola)	11.10	3.57
Casey	26.40	15.30
Charleston, Central	34.50	25.00
CHARLESTON, First	120.30	125.00
CHRISMAN	11.70	11.95
DALTON CITY	14.40	18.40
Effingham	64.50	4.96
Fairfield	18.00	9.50
FARINA	12.90	32.53
Gays	11.10	11.10
Good Prospect	15.00	.....
Grand View	29.40	21.10
GREENUP	28.50	29.00
KANSAS	39.90	66.00
Kaskaskia	6.60	.....
LaFayette	15.00	9.00
Lebanon	8.40	.....
Lerna	18.00	7.75
Loogootee	11.10	.....
Loxa	18.00	.....
McCown	.....	.....
Mattoon, Broadway	50.10	25.00
Mattoon, First	143.70	32.00
Mt. Olivet	.....	.....
Mowcaqua	17.70	17.70
NEOGA	75.30	100.00
Newton	24.30	10.00
Newman	29.10	.....
New Providence	6.60	6.60
New Providence (A)	24.00	.....
Oakland	42.60	42.60
PALESTINE	29.40	33.16
Pana	68.40	23.58
PARIS	157.80	223.33
PLEASANT PRAIRIE	10.50	18.00
Rardin	30.00	.....
ROBINSON	42.30	43.63
St. Omer	18.00	.....
SHELBYVILLE	67.50	85.00
Shepla	7.50	.....
Shiloh (Janesville)	9.00	.....
Sullivan	30.00	30.00
TOLEDO	21.30	35.50
Tower Hill	23.40	10.00
Tuscola	64.50	.....
Union (Hindsborough)	7.50	.....
Vandalia	57.00	50.00
Watson	12.60	12.60
WEST OKAW	12.00	20.00
WHITE HALL (Neoga)	7.50	7.76
Willow Creek	30.00	.....
Windsor	12.00	6.00
Woods Chapel (Neoga)	18.00	14.00
	$1,778.70	$1,439.12

Ottawa Presbytery.

Church.	Minimum Apportionm't.	Gave.
Aurora	$ 132.00	$ 88.08
AUSABLE GROVE	46.80	71.00
Brookfield	12.00	.....
EARLVILLE	25.80	25.84
Elgin	69.60	56.70
Florid	15.00	2.25
Grand Ridge	85.80	4.00
KINGS	15.00	16.00
Mendota	74.70	66.07
Meridian	1.50	.....
MINONK	28.80	35.00
Morris	62.10	20.00
Oswego	28.80	28.80
OTTAWA	78.60	90.00
Ottawa, South	3.00	.....
PAW PAW	32.10	32.40
Pontiac	150.00	43.88
READING	9.60	12.00
ROCHELLE	60.60	74.00
Sandwich	76.50	66.60
Streator	152.10	23.00
TROY GROVE	18.60	18.91
UNION GROVE	.90	2.50
Waltham	45.00	22.00
WATERMAN	37.20	39.00
WENONA	54.60	98.50
	$1,316.70	$ 936.53

Peoria Presbytery.

Church.	Minimum Apportionm't.	Gave.
Alta	$ 6.30	$ 3.00
Altona	32.40	.....
ASTORIA	7.50	8.50
Banner	26.40	.....
Brunswick	6.00	.....
Canton	119.40	.....
CROW MEADOW	7.20	7.50
Delavan	63.60	38.06
Elmira	82.50	44.08
Elmwood	44.10	20.10
Eureka	60.30	52.50
FARMINGTON	64.20	107.00
French Grove	18.00	3.50
Galesburg	134.70	73.97
Green Valley	31.50	20.00
HENRY	32.10	49.60
Hopedale	23.40	20.65
Ipava	51.30	44.69
Isabel	15.60	7.75
Knoxville	78.30	58.15
Lewiston	93.30	10.00
LIMESTONE	7.20	14.20
Oneida	36.60	11.00
PEORIA, First	166.50	227.55
PEORIA, Second	91.20	302.06
PEORIA, Arcadia Ave.	61.80	202.71
PEORIA, Bethel	35.70	35.75
Peoria, Calvary	140.70	35.65
Peoria, First German	9.90	.....
PEORIA, Grace	78.00	79.00
PEORIA, Westminster	47.40	57.20
Pottstown	3.60	.....
Princeville	50.70	25.25
Prospect	33.00	12.00
Salem	32.10	15.00
Table Grove	19.50	6.75
Union	28.50	.....
VERMONT	8.70	9.45
Washington	30.00	23.00
Yates City	42.30	19.60
	$1,915.50	$1,645.22

Rock River Presbytery.

Church.	Minimum Apportionm't.	Gave.
Albany	$ 21.60	$ 10.80
ALEDO	150.00	170.56
Alexis	63.30	50.00
Arlington	10.80	4.75
Ashton	33.90	19.28
Beulah	12.00	12.00
BUFFALO PRAIRIE	9.00	10.00
Center (Seaton)	68.40	45.00
Coal Valley	15.60	15.50

Church.	Minimum Apportionm't.	Gave.
Dixon	102.00	55.00
EDGINGTON	21.60	24.00
Fulton	54.60	28.00
Franklin Grove	21.60	21.60
Garden Plain	16.80	5.15
Geneseo	34.20	14.10
HAMLET	31.50	33.77
Keithsburg	13.50	6.00
JOY	24.90	38.33
Kewanee	97.50	49.50
LADD	18.00	30.16
Milan	42.30	27.00
Millersburg	35.40	29.80
MORRISON	91.80	246.55
Munson	3.30	.....
NEWTON	25.50	27.90
NORWOOD	56.40	102.00
PENIEL	30.30	47.34
Perryton	26.70	5.00
Pleasant Ridge	17.10	3.00
PRINCETON	84.60	100.75
ROCK ISLAND, Bro'dw'y	170.40	238.25
Rock Island, Central	62.10	.....
SPRING VALLEY	14.40	16.80
STERLING	111.00	217.77
VIOLA	39.30	39.33
Woodhull	48.60	22.07
	$1,680.00	$1,767.03

Rushville Presbytery.

Church.	Minimum Apportionm't.	Gave.
APPANOOSE	$ 35.40	$ 45.00
Argyle	25.20	18.60
AUGUSTA	51.00	82.00
BARDOLPH	28.20	42.93
BAYLIS	6.00	10.40
Bethel	70.20	.....
Biggsville	29.40	18.42
Brooklyn	15.00	15.00
Bushnell	82.20	31.00
BURTON MEMORIAL	13.20	25.00
Camp Creek	64.20	60.00
Camp Point	30.30	17.00
CARTHAGE	143.40	210.25
Clayton	27.00	9.00
CHILI	8.70	11.60
Damon Chapel	6.00	.....
Doddsville	9.00	42.00
Elvaston	42.60	.....
EBENEZER	30.30	40.00
ELLINGTON	15.90	21.20
Fairmount	11.40	.....
Fountain Green	36.00	16.25
Good Hope	33.00	.....
HERSMAN	35.40	62.00
Huntsville	6.00	5.00
Kirkwood	63.90	51.40
Liberty	9.00	.....
Lee	9.00	7.00
MACOMB	194.10	357.55
Macomb (C. P.)	59.40	25.80
MONMOUTH	223.80	248.22
Mt. Carmel	16.50	16.50
Mt. Horeb	8.10	6.00
MT. STERLING	60.60	102.18
Nauvoo	18.00	.....
NEW SALEM	12.30	17.00
OLIVE	14.40	25.00
OQUAWKA	45.60	67.00
Perry	20.70	8.50
Point Pleasant	14.70	.....
Pontoosuc	21.60	15.30
PLYMOUTH	17.10	18.38
Prairie City	37.80	6.55
QUINCY, First	130.50	683.91
RUSHVILLE	87.90	117.20
Sugar Creek	15.60	.....
SALEM, GERMAN	21.60	35.00
Warsaw	31.80	8.00
W. Prairie	23.70	.....
WYTHE	12.30	25.00
	$2,026.50	$2,624.11

Springfield Presbytery.

Church.	Minimum Apportionm't.	Gave.
ARENZVILLE	$ 20.10	$ 36.07
Argenta	23.10	8.50
Auburn	35.40	3.00
Bates	17.40	16.15
BEASON	7.20	19.45
Bethlehem	19.80	.....
Blue Mound	28.80	.....
Buffalo Hart	19.50	.....
Chatham	12.60	2.00
Cisco	32.40	.....
Concord	13.20	.....
DECATUR	225.00	675.50
Decatur (A)	132.60	115.00
Divernon	52.50	47.49
FANCY PRAIRIE	10.50	11.00
Farmingdale	26.10	15.50
*Greenview	65.70	.....
Irish Grove	40.20	.....
Jacksonville, State Street	159.90	112.04
JACKSONVILLE, Westminster	114.30	138.92
Jacksonville, Portuguese	120.00	12.50
Lebanon	12.30	7.00
Lincoln	124.20	.....
Lincoln Hill	7.50	.....
Macon	40.20	.....
Madison	9.90	.....
MAROA	42.00	140.98
Manchester	10.20	.....
MASON CITY	66.00	67.00
MIDDLETOWN	21.30	39.29
Morrisonville	55.50	30.05
Mt. Zion	60.00	.....
Murrayville	7.80	.....
New Hope	9.60	.....
New Holland	12.60	.....
North Fork	17.10	.....
N. Sangamon	36.60	24.00
PAWNEE	26.40	26.43
PETERSBURG	61.20	187.43
Petersburg, Main Street	48.30	.....
Pisgah	15.30	8.55
Pleasant Plains	18.30	.....
Providence, Virginia	9.30	9.30
Providence, Sangamon Co.	12.00	.....
Rock Creek	31.50	29.82
Sangamon Bottom	17.70	16.20
Shady Grove	11.40	.....
Shiloh	12.00	.....

* Greenview contributed $65.55 for Evangelistic meeting arranged by the Church Extension Association, and which under its rules would have been reported as a Home Mission offering.

Church.	Minimum Apportionm't.	Gave.
Smyrna	13.50	.....
SPRINGFIELD, First	184.50	320.14
Springfield, Second	160.20	147.23
Springfield, Third	180.00	.....
Springfield, Fourth	16.20	3.50
Sugar Creek	22.50	5.00
Sweetwater	19.50	3.77
TALLULA	14.40	15.00
TAYLORVILLE	75.00	103.50
UNITY, WOODSON	47.10	47.85
Virginia	63.60	.....
Virginia, Central	47.40	.....
WILLIAMSVILLE	15.60	20.00
Winchester	45.00	.....
	$2,805.00	$2,465.16

Committee on Home Missions, Synod of Illinois.

Rev. T. D. Logan, Chairman, Springfield; Rev. E. M. Clingan, Secretary, Quincy; Rev. W. V. Jeffries, Superintendent, Springfield; Rev. C. E. Hayes, Associate Superintendent, Decatur; Mr. Charles T. Yeomans, Synodical Treasurer, Danville.

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RUSHVILLE—F. D. Crane, Mt. Sterling.
SPRINGFIELD—Chas. G. Gray, Springfield.

RESOLUTIONS OF HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

We recommend:

1. That the Synod express its hearty approval of the contract entered into between the Chairman of the Synod's Home Mission Committee and the Board of Home Missions, and pledge its utmost energies and resources in pushing forward our one great enterprise in accordance with the agreement as explained in the report.

2. That the Synod co-operate with the Board of Home Missions with reference to the proposed Advisory Council, and that Rev. T. D. Logan be appointed as Synod's representative in the meetings of this Advisory Council.

3. That we heartily approve of the work done by our Superintendent and Associate Superintendent in the various departments of their work. We commend the plan of the Superintendent in his system of conferences to secure increased gifts to Home Missions. We recommend further that in the publication of offerings of the churches, only such funds shall be included as may pass through the hands of the Presbyterial or Synodical Treasurers, and be administered by the committee.

4. We recommend the continuance of the publication of the *Church Extension Herald* for another year upon the same plan as that followed last year. We heartily commend this paper to the members of our churches.

5. We recommend the holding of a State Sunday School and Christian Endeavor Convention during the summer, similar to that held last year at Mattoon.

6. That the period from November 18 to December 23 be designated as a season of special endeavor throughout the State in the interest of Home Missions and effective church finance, and that to this end presbyterial conferences be arranged which shall reach representatives of all the churches so far as possible.

7. Your committee wishes to place in nomination Rev. T. D. Logan as Chairman of Synod's Home Mission Committee for a term of three years.

After announcements and prayer, Synod took recess until 1.30 o'clock this afternoon.

THURSDAY, 1.30 P.M.

Synod met, and was opened with prayer.

Elders I. P. Rumsey and J. S. Nollen, of the Lake Forest Church, were made members of the Committee of Arrangements for the next meeting of Synod.

In accordance with notice given yesterday, Standing Rule No. 8 was, on motion, amended by the addition of two Standing Committees, namely, one of three members on Corresponding Members, and one of three members on Next Place of Meeting; and the Committee on Finance and Treasurer's Accounts was increased to five members with at least two ministers on it, and there was added to its duties the payment of the mileage.

The following resolution was offered by Rev. T. D. Logan, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries whose minutes were approved last year but were not signed by the Moderator, be directed to secure the signature of the last Moderator.

Rev. W. H. Bradley presented the report of the Committee on Presbyterial Records, which was adopted as follows:

MONMOUTH, ILL., October 24, 1907.

To the Synod of Illinois:

Your Committee on Presbyterial Records would respectfully report:

1. That the records of all the Presbyteries are in hand except those of Chicago Presbytery. We have also records of the Foster and Mt. Vernon Presbyteries of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

2. These records have been examined, and we recommend the approval of the following, without exception: Alton, Bloomington, Cairo, Ewing, Freeport, Mattoon, Ottawa, Peoria, Rushville, Springfield, Foster and Mt. Vernon; and the following, with the exceptions noted: Rock River—On page 86 the names of a committee on installation are omitted; on pages 99 and 105 additions to the record are made in pencil. The records of Ottawa Presbytery were not presented for review in 1907.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER H. BRADLEY, *Chairman.*

Rev. W. E. Archibald presented the report on General Church Work. It was received, and pending adoption, the following addressed Synod: Rev. D. C. Milner, representing the General Assembly's Committee on Temperance; Rev. J. F. Horton, Secretary of the American Bible Society; and Rev. W. B. Allison. The report as a whole was adopted and is as follows:

The Committee on General Church Work presents the following report on some of the practical measures referred to it, among which is

Systematic Beneficence.

The attention of the Synod is called to the very complete report which was presented to the last General Assembly on Systematic Beneficence, and the more recent report presented to the Synod.

Under the head of the liberality of the Church by Synods, the Synod of Illinois stands third in offerings to all the Boards in the report presented to the General Assembly, which was based on the Minutes of the General Assembly for 1907; but in the report presented to the Synod which was based on the Minutes of the General Assembly for 1908 the Synod of Illinois stands seventh in its average offering per member to all the Boards. In the year ending with March, 1907, the average offering of this Synod was $2.15 per member to all the Boards. In the year ending with March, 1908, the average offering of the Synod was $1.93 per member to all the Boards. This, of course, does not mean that the Synod gave less in 1908 than it gave in 1907—in reality it gave $95,865 more in the year 1908 than it gave in the year 1907, but the average offering per member was 22 cents less for the year 1908 than it was for the year 1907.

Under the head of the liberality of the Church by Presbyteries, Chicago and Bloomington gave more per member to all the Boards than the average offering per member by the Synod. The Chicago Presbytery stands first in our Synod, with an average offering of $3.60 per member to all the Boards. Bloomington Presbytery comes next, with an average offering of $1.96 per member to all the Boards. The average offering of all the other Presbyteries per member was less than the average offering by the Synod per member, which was $1.93 to all the Boards.

Your Committee recommends the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. That all Presbyteries below the average offering of $1.93 per member to all the Boards be encouraged to reach the Synod's standard.

2. That all pastors and sessions continue in their good work of educating the people on systematic and proportionate giving.

3. That all Presbyterial Committees on Systematic Beneficence exercise all diligence to get every church under their care to take an offering for the Boards.

4. That some definite plan be adopted in all our churches that makes provision for taking two distinct offerings, viz.: (1) An offering for the support of the Church; and (2) An offering for the support of the Boards: and that these offerings be taken weekly, if possible.

The American Bible Society.

Your committee recommends the adoption of the following resolutions in behalf of the American Bible Society. Pending action on the same, we ask that the Rev. J. F. Horton, the Agency Secretary for the Bible Society in the Northwest be heard.

1. The Synod calls the special attention of the churches to the Ameri-

can Bible Society, the agency by which our Church in common with many others, acts in securing the translation, publication and distribution of the Holy Scriptures both at home and abroad. The Society has always been the effective servant and fellow-helper of all our missionary agencies. The diverse populations of this country, and the vast masses in non-Christian countries accessible to the colporteur as never before, are so taxing its resources that an increased and certain revenue is imperatively needed.

2. The Synod heartily commends the Bible colporteur work among the foreign-speaking people as conducted by the Northwestern Agency of the American Bible Society in the various foreign settlements of the State, believing that this Bible missionary work as done by colporteurs speaking the native language of the immigrant, is an effective aid to the Church in opening the way for missions and winning these people to a knowledge of Christ.

3. The Synod notes with pleasure the generous offer of Mrs. Russell Sage, of New York City to give half a million dollars, provided the Society shall raise a like amount during the calendar year, the whole to be used as a perpetual endowment fund.

4. The Synod repeats the urgent exhortations of previous Synods, that all our churches make an annual offering for this Society; also the Synod commends the special effort to raise $500,000 to make possible the perpetual Endowment Fund of a million dollars.

Church Erection.

The purpose of this Board at its inception sixty-four-years ago, as reported to the General Assembly, was "to help feeble churches erect inexpensive buildings, mostly in the West. But the great expansive era in which we are now living has steadily compelled a corresponding expansive policy. The sudden growth of large cities, the increase in the cost of material and labor, and the imperative demand for larger buildings than were formerly required have forced the Board to the utmost limits of its resources.

"As was anticipated, the reunion of the two branches of our Church very greatly augmented these demands by the vast area of the Southwest which was thrown open for home mission work, which always means a new building for a new congregation. During the past year the Board has extended its helping hand to 137 different Presbyteries, in thirty-five different States, Cuba and Porto Rico." Therefore we recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

The Synod is keenly alive to the vigorous and expansive work to which God in his providence is calling the Church, and the many new demands that must be made upon our people if the work of church building is to keep pace with the home missionary.

The Synod urges upon all chairmen of Presbyterial Committees on Church Erection to see that all churches aided by this Board meet their obligations according to the agreements upon which the aid was granted.

The Synod commends the Manse Fund to the generous support of our

churches that suitable homes may be provided for all our ministers, and especially those laboring on home mission fields.

Temperance Reform.

It is with profound gratitude to Almighty God we call the attention of the Synod to the great progress that has been made during the past year in restricting and prohibiting the sale of strong drink. These are days that show the results of teaching the evils of intemperance in the Sabbath school and of teaching the nature and effects of alcohol on the human system in the public school. These are days when public opinion is being felt by our law makers with the blessed results of having twice the number of our people living under the restrictive and prohibitory laws ever before in the history of these United States. These are days when great decisions have been rendered by our courts of justice against the liquor traffic. The United States Supreme Court holding that "no man has an inherent right to sell intoxicating liquor at retail," some of the lower courts have gone so far as to declare the sale of liquor to be unconstitutional altogether. These are days when "the great industrial unions and the great benevolent associations are coming more and more to bar the drunkard and habitual drinker from a participation in their benefits." These are days bright with promise that Church and State, labor and capital, will unite their forces against the saloon, so that we may hope the hour of its dethronement is at hand.

We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. That the Synod expresses its shame and regret that our National House of Representatives has not enacted Federal laws to harmonize with State laws in the suppression of the lawless sale of liquor in dry territory.

2. The Synod also declares its conviction that the Speaker of the House of Representatives, by his autocratic and persistent refusal to allow the introduction of the Littlefield Bill and other measures in behalf of temperance, should not be re-elected to his high office.

3. The Synod most heartily commends the General Assembly's Permanent Committee on Temperance and the Anti-Saloon League and all other temperance organizations for the good work done during the past year.

4. "The Synod endorses the plan for the Presbyterian Temperance Union as outlined at the last General Assembly; and approves of the study course as prepared by the Assembly's Committee."

5. Realizing that abiding progress in any great reformatory movement depends in large measure upon the enlightened convictions of the people, the Synod approves of the last Sabbath in October as Temperance Day, and urges all ministers to preach on temperance that day; also the Synod disapproves of all the efforts put forth to repeal the laws requiring scientific temperance instruction in our public schools.

6. Believing the time has come for a closer relation of all our temperance committees one to the other for a more aggressive campaign against the saloon, the Synod most heartily approves of the General Assembly's recommendation "that hereafter the Advisory Board of the General As-

sembly's Permanent Committee on Temperance shall consist of the Chairmen of the Standing Committees on Temperance in the Synods."

7. The Synod repeats the urgent appeals of previous Synods that an offering be taken in all our churches for our General Assembly's Committee and the Anti-Saloon League.

American Tract Society.

The attention of the Synod is called to the American Tract Society and the work it has done during the past year in the Northwest. It has employed twenty-six colporteurs; it has distributed 14,534 volumes by sales and grants; it has by its colporteurs held 957 public meetings, and made 350,030 visits. It has received in doing this work by donations $2,644, from legacies $1,175, making a total of $3,819, which, you will observe, is a small amount compared with the work done. Therefore, in view of the ever-increasing demands made upon this society for literature in "Spanish publications, as well as those in the languages and dialects of the foreign-speaking population among us," we do most heartily commend this society to our churches for their financial support.

Ministerial Relief.

It should not be a matter of much surprise to the Synod that 436 ministers and 550 widows of ministers receive aid from the Board of Relief when we remember the small salaries many of our ministers receive. The wonder ought to be that not more are on the list of the Board for help. Everyone knows the cost of living has gone up, and we also know salaries of ministers have not increased proportionately. In view of these facts and the ever-increasing demands made upon the Board of Relief, we recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. That Synod repeats its urgent appeal to the elders that they present the claims of this Board from the pulpit to all our people in all our churches.

2. The Synod most heartily endorses the action of the last General Assembly—"that every minister in charge of a church or a group of churches should receive at least a salary of $1,000 per annum, with the free use of a manse."

3. The Synod urges all our churches to remember the Minister's Sustentation Fund in their gifts to the Boards.

Sabbath Observance.

Your committee presents the following resolutions:

"Whereas, Undue greed for wealth and passion for sport, coupled with disregard for law and for the rights of others, threaten to destroy the Lord's Day as a day both for worship and for physical and mental rest; and,

"Whereas, The loss of the Lord's Day would inevitably cause the decay of Christianity and civil liberty; and,

"Whereas, The infinite worth and serious peril of this gift of God alike demand the harmonious organized union of all who desire its defense and exaltation; therefore,

"*Resolved,* 1. That we rejoice to learn that a national convention is called to meet in Pittsburg, Pa., December 1, 2 and 3, 1908, to organize a United States Lord's Day Alliance, and that we appoint two delegates to attend (at their own expense) said convention as our representatives.

"2. That we direct the Stated Clerk in our behalf to attest and forward the following petitions:"

(1) To the Hon. Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States—HONORED SIR: The undersigned is directed by the Presbyterian Synod of Illinois, having a membership of 97,452, to appeal to you not to allow ball games and other sports on Sunday in the army and navy of the United States, such use of the day being recognized by our Supreme Courts, by careful students of criminology, and by Christian citizens generally as detrimental to the moral character of the participants and the general moral interests of the surrounding communities.

(2) To the Senate of the United States—HONORED SIRS: The undersigned is directed by the Presbyterian Synod of Illinois, having a membership of over 97,000, to appeal to your honorable body to enact into law Bill, H. R. 11,805, to prevent Sunday banking in post offices, in handling money orders and registered letters.

A similar petition shall be sent to the House of Representatives of the United States.

(3) To the Senate of the United States—HONORED SIRS: The undersigned is directed by the Presbyterian Synod of Illinois, having a membership of over 97,000, to appeal to your honorable body to enact a law that shall require all individuals and corporations engaged in interstate commerce to give each of their employees who works on Sunday a full twenty-four hours' rest day during the next six days, and to give each employee at least fourteen full twenty-four-hour rest days on the first day of the week during the year.

A similar petition shall be sent to the House of Representatives of the United States.

THE OLD SALEM CHAUTAUQUA.

The Old Salem Chautauqua, located at Petersburg, Illinois, which came to us from the Cumberland branch of the Church through the union of the two Churches, held its eleventh annual assembly last August. As usual, the program offered by the management was a most excellent one, and the attendance was most gratifying. This Chautauqua emphasizes its schools on Bible study and missions. For these and other reasons it gives the Synod great pleasure in commending the Old Salem Chautauqua to attention of our churches.

W. E. ARCHIBALD, *Chairman.*

Rev. J. R. E. Craighead requested that Synod take steps to aid churches in Cairo Presbytery, now in litigation, and that we give them our most earnest moral support. On motion, the request was referred to the Finance Committee.

Rev. O. A. Smith offered the resolution that Synod express its appreciation of the warm hospitality of the United Presbyterian College of Monmouth, by presenting a Chapel Bible, and that an offering be now taken for this purpose. It was adopted and a similar gift, was, on motion, ordered sent to Blackburn College, the Rev. J. F. Horton offering to donate one-half the cost of these Bibles, in behalf of the American Bible Society. The offering taken up amounted to $20. The Moderator and Stated Clerk were directed to procure, inscribe and present these gifts in behalf of Synod.

Rev. T. D. Logan offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

That the members of the Executive Committee of the Church Extension Association of the former Cumberland Presbyterian Church be elected for the next year, namely, Revs. Geo. W. Williams, A. H. Stevens, G. A. Wilson, J. W. McDonald and Elder T. H. Perrin.

Rev. A. M. Little presented the report of the Committee on Youth of the Church, which was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON THE YOUTH OF THE CHURCH, OCTOBER, 1908.

The Board of Publication and Sunday School Work has been organized seventy years, and reports that in many ways this last year has been the most fruitful of them all. We of the Synod of Illinois have had our full share in the advance; for with us also the statistics bring the inspiring report of a good year. After adding together the statistics of 1907 for the Synods of Illinois and Illinois (A), the reports for 1908 show an increase in every column. There is indeed a decrease in the number of schools, but this is to be accounted for by the union of Presbyterian and Cumberland Presbyterian churches in the same community. We have added nearly 1,000 officers and teachers. There has been an increase of more than 3,000 scholars, as the net result of the addition of nearly 13,000 new officers, teachers and scholars. There are nearly 1,300 more on the Cradle Roll, and 500 more in the Home Department. Fuller reports tell us of over 6,500 more church members in our Sunday schools than reported last year, and there have been nearly 700 more added to the church from Sunday school membership than in 1907. There are 100 more in training classes for teachers; catechism is taught in 49, and the Westminster helps used in nearly 70 more schools. Contributions to the Board of Sunday School Work have increased over $2,200, or nearly forty-seven per cent, while nearly $3,000 more than last year has been given to the support of our schools. This is a most gratifying showing, and the figures are full of inspiration and encouragement.

Your committee must again deplore the fact that for the second year of the present chairmanship full returns from the Presbyteries have not been submitted. Only four of the twelve Presbyteries of our Synod have

sent their Sunday school reports to the chairman, and only eight of the twelve have reported their Young People's Societies, even to the Department of Young People's Work at Philadelphia. In part this is to be explained by pastoral changes, removing chairmen of presbyterial committees from the bounds of their Presbytery; but the result is unfortunate, as your committee would otherwise have had opportunity to correct clerical errors of importance in the printed reports of the Board. Even with its scanty returns, your committee finds that the amount given to the support of our Sunday schools, as reported by the Board, is nearly $30,000 too small, the Presbytery of Chicago alone giving almost as much as is reported for our entire Synod, while the Presbytery of Alton is only credited with $436 for this purpose, though it really gave $3,754.

The figures given in the Minutes of the General Assembly do not, for various reasons, always correspond with those submitted to me. On the basis of the Minutes, with such corrections as I have been able to make, the following comparative results appear:

The Presbytery of Alton, which last year came to Synod with the report of progress all along the line, again this year reports a gain in almost every column.

The Presbytery of Peoria leads the Synod in per capita contributions to the Board of Sunday School Work, giving 19.5 cents a member, or more than twice as much as last year, with Bloomington second (11.25 cents) and Ottawa third (10.6 cents). The entire Synod averages 7.6 cents. In total amount contributed to this Board, Chicago, Peoria and Bloomington lead, giving upward of one-half of the entire amount.

Chicago makes the largest contribution to "All Other Boards"—$4,362, or 14.2 cents a member—surpassed in proportionate giving by Rushville (16.2). The entire Synod averaged 11 cents.

Ottawa leads in proportionate gifts to the support of the school, with 80.6 cents per member. Peoria is second, with 69.5 cents; Rock River third, with 67.5 cents. Chicago gives 65 cents per member, which, with its large membership, amounts to $20,225—four times as much as any other Presbytery and more than one-third of the whole amount.

In gifts to "Miscellaneous Benevolences," Ewing is by far the first proportionately, giving 35 cents a member, while Chicago, with 20 cents a member, gives $6,286, or about sixty-three per cent of the total amount. The entire Synod averages 11.4 cents. It must be remembered that these figures deal only with numerical results. Of hindrances, special efforts, reasons for failure or success, lazy tilling of fertile soil, or vigorous but fruitless tilling of barren fields, of loving, self-sacrificing, never-despairing effort, they are silent. Nor should it be forgotten that much faithful work bears fruit only in a later year. Many a field which this year makes but a scanty showing will reap its harvest in the year to come, because of what this year has been done.

Freeport reports an average attendance of 68.5 per cent. Chicago reports 64 per cent; Alton, 63 per cent. The entire Synod averages a little over 60 per cent.

All who have at heart the progress of the kingdom of God will look with special interest at the column reporting the number received from the Sunday school into full church membership during the year—3,849 have been so received, or 1 in every 22.4 of the total Sunday school membership. The highest proportion is found in the Presbytery of Springfield (1 in 11), with Bloomington second (1 in 14). Each of these Presbyteries received nearly 600, while Chicago reports more than 1,000. One Presbytery reports only 1 in 33—a proportion which might be improved by more complete returns. Statistics will not here tell the whole story, as the presence or absence of a Home Department would affect the proportionate results.

Eleven Presbyteries report one-fourth or more of their Sunday school as church members. The lowest reports one-sixth. The proportion for the Synod is 1 in 3.63. Ewing has 1 in 2.41; Ottawa, 1 in 2.48; Rushville, 1 in 2.5.

There are over 10,000 teachers and officers in the Sunday schools of our Synod (10,121)— a number one-eighth as large as that of the number of Sunday school scholars.

One of the things to which we look forward by reason of the interest of the Board and the action of the General Assembly is a New Catechism (see pp. 5 and 6 of the Board's report to the General Assembly). About one-third of the schools of our Synod use the Shorter Catechism in whole or in part. Your committee urged with full conviction and as earnestly as possible in its report last year the fruitful results that follow catechetical instruction in pastors' classes, or in connection with the Sunday school or Young People's Societies, believing that after systematic and sustained study of the great truths of the Church, and of personal religion, and the opportunity afforded for speaking frankly and directly with young people upon these vital things, a large part of those composing such classes would at the end of the course desire to come into the full membership of the church.

Your committe would strongly urge fuller use of the literature furnished by the Board of Publication and Sunday School Work. In training courses and movements for the increased efficiency of Sunday school work our denomination is admittedly in the forefront. Our Westminster Beginners' Lessons are especially praised by those of other denominations. They cover the Two Years' International Course for young children of the kindergarten age, and may be begun at any time. There are also Manuals in print, or soon to be issued, on the Graded Sunday School, Adult Training Classes, The Primary Department, The Junior Department, Superintendent's Problems, The Country Sunday School, a Christian Study Course, etc. A fact which should here be borne in mind is that two-thirds of the net profit for subscriptions to literature furnished by the Board go into the Missionary Department, to be used for the establishment of new schools. How large this sum might easily be made appears from the fact that in twenty-one years it has amounted to $386,034 and for the last seventeen years has averaged over $20,000 a year; and

the importance of the work thus made possible is shown by the fact that for twenty years Sunday school missionary work has given us eighty per cent of all new Presbyterian churches, and that for this last year a new church—of our own or some other denomination—largely through such effort, was organized for every 3.8 days. "One of the best churches in northern Minnesota was started by a Sunday school missionary who had to travel eighty miles afoot and by canoe to reach the town," where he found forty saloons but no church or Sunday school. "On the Western prairie, in the mountains of the South, among the negroes and in the Rocky Mountains, more than 1,100 Presbyterian churches stand as witnesses to the work of these missionaries," and hundreds of towns and villages have been reclaimed and transformed into God-fearing communities. And still "there are as many outside the Sunday school in our country as are enrolled in the Sunday schools of all denominations."

The financial aspect of the work of the Board for the year ending March, 1908, is most encouraging. The debt of 1907 was lifted and a balance reported of $2,450.55. Contributions last year increased to $160,971.96—an increase of $24,276.37, or nearly 18 per cent. The Synod of Illinois did better still; for, while contributions to the Board increased 18 per cent, to the gratification of the Board, because in a year of financial depression it had received the largest amount ever contributed, and the largest increase in any year, the contributions from the Synod of Illinois under similar conditions increased not 18 but 47 per cent.

But, while the report for 1908 is thus most gratifying, we should give serious heed lest that for 1909 shall mark as discouraging a decline. There are this year extraordinary circumstances loudly calling for enlarged work, and there is less than usual financial ability on the part of the Board to meet these increased demands. The financial depression is beginning to make itself felt at last at the headquarters of the Board, and this in two directions: (a) the receipts from the Department of Publication are this year seriously curtailed, and (b) the contributions from the churches and Sunday schools have fallen off. This warning comes to me as chairman of your committee in a letter from the Secretary dated September 30. Let us give earnest heed to it, and make a vigorous effort to meet the emergency by contributions from the Synod of Illinois greater and not less than those of 1908.

Young People's Societies.

By October 13 your committee, after most diligent and repeated efforts, had in hand reports from seven of the eight Presbyteries reporting last year. The changes suggested last year by your committee in the wording of the blank were promptly adopted by the new General Superintendent, the Rev. Mr. Gelston, who, adding other changes, has made possible a much more comprehensive and valuable report. It is now possible to determine whether the Synod has advanced or fallen behind in the number of societies, the membership, and the number of conversions, as well as in the matter of contributions.

Alton reports a gain "all along the line."

Chicago has apparently made immense gains. It reports nearly double the number of societies, nearly doubled membership, nearly doubled contributions to the Board of Foreign Missions, nearly trebled contributions to the Board of Home Missions, nearly $2,000 more for the local church and self-support, nearly eleven times as much for miscellaneous benevolences, and a total almost twice as great, and actually almost as much as the entire Synod reported last year. It also reports the largest net gain in membership.

Ottawa seems to have lost eighteen societies, but reports nearly three times as many conversions, and doubles its contributions to Home and Foreign Missions.

Springfield reports double the number of societies, more than double membership, more than twice as many additions to the church on examination, and a gain in the grand total of contributions.

Last year the only Presbyteries with 1,300 members were Rock River and Chicago. This year Alton has several hundred more than that number, Springfield reports twice that number, and Rushville and Peoria nearly reach it.

Springfield reports conversions amounting to 8 per cent of its membership; Alton, slightly over, and Peoria slightly under 5 per cent.

To Home Missions Chicago gave nearly four times as much as its nearest Presbytery, and almost as much as the entire Synod last year, with Springfield second, and Peoria third. Proportionately, Peoria stands first in Home Mission contributions, with 26 cents per member, and Rushville second, with 21 cents.

To Foreign Missions Chicago gave not quite three times the next largest contribution, though with six times as many members.

Reporting the largest number of societies are Chicago, Springfield, Alton and Peoria.

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Chicago gave nearly $13,000 more than any other Presbytery, and $1.94 a member. Freeport, Ottawa and Peoria also gave well over a dollar per member.

Reporting gains in total contributions are Chicago, Peoria and Springfield.

The grand total of the contributions of seven Presbyteries is $10,000 more than the same Presbyteries gave last year.

In membership the seven Presbyteries reporting both in 1907 and 1908 have gained 76 per cent, and in conversions 64 per cent. In Home Missions there is a gain of 85 per cent; in Foreign Missions, a gain of nearly 80 per cent; to other boards, a loss of 30 per cent; to local church and self-support, a gain of 34 per cent; to other benevolence, a gain of 424 per cent; and in the grand total of benevolence, a gain of more than 70 per cent.

COMPARATIVE TABLE OF THE SEVEN PRESBYTERIES REPORTING BOTH IN 1907 AND 1908.

(Alton, Chicago, Freeport, Ottawa, Peoria, Rushville and Springfield.)

	1907	1908
Membership:		
Number of societies reported	303	482
Total membership	9,279	16,394
Added on examination	515	845
Contributions:		
Home Missions	$ 1,745.47	3,235.20
Foreign Missions	2,087.43	3,745.10
Other Boards	448.89	317.61
Local church and self-support	7,727.94	10,391.20
Other benevolent objects	1,272.32	6,670.44
Grand total to all objects	$14,179.43	$24,169.75
Educational:		
Number of study classes		125

TYPES OF SOCIETIES REPORTED IN EIGHT PRESBYTERIES.

Senior Christian Endeavor, 268; societies similar to C. E., 10; Intermediate, 20; Junior, 96; Mission Bands, 24; boys' societies exclusively, 22; other societies, 85. Fifty-nine societies in Springfield Presbytery are reported as "either Senior or Junior," making a total of 584 societies.

The societies of the former Cumberland Presbyterian churches are reported as proving a valuable addition.

All pastors should plan, if possible, to send one or more of their most promising young men or young women to the Summer Conference at Winona, or to one of the three other Summer Conferences which will be held. They are a most valuable training school for leadership.

The first Sunday in February is the anniversary of the organization of the first Christian Endeavor Society, and it is recommended by the General Assembly that an appropriate service be held on that day, and that an opportunity be given for making offerings to be used in the interests of the Department of Young People's Work.

ARTHUR M. LITTLE.

Elder A. R. Taylor presented the report on Presbyterian Brotherhood, which was received, and on motion, the Standing Rules of Synod were suspended to permit the appointment of a Permanent Committee on the Presbyterian Brotherhood. The report of the committee, with the recommendations, was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BROTHERHOOD.

To the Synod of Illinois:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your Committee on Brotherhood beg leave to submit the following report:

At a meeting of the committee, some time after Synod adjourned, it was decided, after a free discussion of the situation, that a convention at any time during the winter was not feasible. It was also decided that the committee would endeavor to secure the appointment of presbyterial brotherhood committees for stimulating an interest in the work throughout the State, and to secure that end the chairman of the committee addressed letters to the various Stated Clerks and others in the Presbyteries asking that capable committees should be appointed to push the organization of brotherhoods in the local churches. Each member of our committee was assigned a group of Presbyteries and asked to give them his personal attention and to offer any assistance which might be desired in connection with organizations within their bounds.

A special meeting was planned at Bloomington for the purpose of bringing together the chairmen of the various presbyterial committees and the members of the synodical committee for the purpose of laying out the work in the State more intelligently. It was our desire to have the General Secretary, Dr. Landrith, present at that conference, but on account of his inability to be present at any convenient date, it was at last indefinitely postponed. The Committee has, however, succeeded in securing the organization of a goodly number of local brotherhoods and the appointment of several very active presbyterial committees. It made a special plea to the various Presbyteries this fall for the appointment of committees in Presbyteries in which the matter has as yet been given little or no attention. The Presbytery of Chicago has probably done the most active work in the way of organizing local brotherhoods, and the great meeting of representatives of the different organizations in that city on October 15 shows how successfully the work has been done and how enthusiastically the men are enlisting under the leadership of the committee.

It is perhaps proper for us to say that we met with some embarrassment in laying out our campaign by virtue of our lack of information as to the plans of the National Council with reference to synodical and presbyterial work. The call of the men to service was too urgent, however, for us to await final action on the part of the Council, and we are greatly gratified that so much progress has been made. Seventy-four Illinois brotherhoods have reported to the General Secretary, with a membership of three thousand, four hundred and sixty-seven men.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Council in Chicago on October 1, a definite plan for conducting the work of the synodical and presbyterial organizations was adopted. It is as follows:

"In the future development of the Brotherhood Movement, synodical and Presbyterial organization must necessarily occupy a vital and conspicuous place.

"One of the primary obligations of the National Council should be the effecting of synodical organizations, with the following duties: (1) The holding of a synodical convention; (2) The promotion of presbyterial organizations with working constitution and governing council; (3) The general promotion, unification and stimulation of the movement within the Synod.

"In co-operation with the National Council, a presbyterial organization

should be effected in each Presbytery, with functions as follows: (1) The holding of a presbyterial convention; (2) The adoption of a constitution and the election of a Council to supervise the work within the Presbytery; (3) The organization of brotherhoods; (4) The increased efficiency of the various organizations and their departments of activity; (5) The conduct of enterprises needing the combined force of the brotherhoods in the Presbytery.

"This scheme of organization will require in each Presbytery and Synod a governing council elected by the annual convention and entrusted with the promotion of Brotherhood work within the bounds of its territory. The Presbyterial and Synodical Committees on Brotherhood would sustain the same relation to the presbyterial and synodical brotherhood organization and council that is now maintained by the General Assembly's Committee on Brotherhood to the Presbyterian Brotherhood of America and its Council. This would consist of the receiving of the annual report and passing thereon, and, inasmuch as each presbyterial and synodical brotherhood organization must necessarily be under the control of the church judicature, its functions would include the general oversight of the Brotherhood work within its territory in its capacity as a Standing Committee of Synod or Presbytery.

"The plan of organization should also provide for the articulation of the presbyterial or synodical organization with the National Council, in view of its relationship of responsible supervision for the movement throughout the country."

This plan seems to us to be both ideal and feasible, and we believe that it will greatly assist in the development of the Brotherhood Movement in every State in the Union. We, therefore, recommend that you agree to co-operate in the manner suggested.

In accordance with the understanding at the last meeting of Synod and with the provision in the plan of the Council, we have called a synodical conference to meet in the city of Decatur on December 3 and 4. The program will open with a formal dinner on the evening of the first named day. The churches in Decatur united in a hearty invitation to the Brotherhood to hold the convention in that city, and an effort will be made to secure representation from every church in the State. It is proposed to present an attractive program, and we trust that this first gathering of the laymen of our Church in Illinois in such a convention will be thoroughly representative, and that it will awaken unparalleled interest in the work of the Church as a whole. We are trusting that this action of the committee may meet with your hearty approval, and that you will appeal to the churches throughout the State to send delegates to it.

We should rejoice that the office of the General Secretary of the National Council is located within our bounds in the city of Chicago, and that we shall be able to profit greatly by the personal influence of our General Secretary and his able assistant, Mr. Henry Rosevear. Illinois ought also to congratulate herself on the fact that the President of the Council is an Illinois man.

We are greatly pleased that the Council is issuing a new Brotherhood monthly magazine devoted to the interests of the work in general, and recommend a generous support of the same on the part of the brethren throughout the State.

The next national convention of the Brotherhood will be held in the city

of Pittsburg on February 23, 24 and 25. The great conventions at Indianapolis and Cincinnati and the wholesome influence exerted on our work by the attendance of a large number of delegates from our State, convince us that it is extremely important that the synodical and presbyterial committees at least should be represented at the Pittsburg convention, and that as many churches as possible should also send delegates to the same.

We are profoundly convinced that too many of our pastors are failing to understand and appreciate the great value of this organization in the work of the Church. It is not only awaking interest and quickening effort on the part of the men, but it is having a wholesome influence on every department of Christian work. Acquaintanceship and fellowship cannot fail to provoke increased activity and co-operation in advancing the local as well as the general interests of the Church. Let us urge our pastors to utilize in every possible way this organization, which has already aroused such fruitful activity throughout the country. However few the men in any congregation, their efficiency will be greatly strengthened by compact organization and intelligent direction.

In closing, we would recommend the raising of a Standing Synodical Committee on Brotherhood, with duties as designated in the plan of the Council hereinbefore submitted.

Fraternally yours,

F. W. Hawley,
Andrew Stevenson,
J. Ross Hanna,
G. H. Turner,
W. A. Peterson,
A. R. Taylor.

Rev. E. M. Clingan reported for the Committee on Nomination of Permanent Committees. It was adopted as follows:

Your committee appointed to nominate members for three of the standing committees and the Board of Trustees would submit the following report:

Spiritual Life of the Church—Rev. W. A. Bodell (Chairman), Rev. R. L. Evans, Rev. Daniel Breeze, Rev. W. H. W. Boyle, Rev. John C. Christie, Rev. B. L. Brittin, Rev. C. L. Overstreet, Rev. D. M. Ogilvie, Rev. John Weston, Rev. S. S. Cryor, Rev. J. F. Young, Rev. A. P. Higley.

Youth of the Church—J. W. McDonald (Chairman), Rev. R. S. Stevenson, Rev. J. H. Miller, Rev. Chas. McCluer, Rev. M. W. Hardin, Rev. L. D. Lasswell, Elder C. C. Miller, Elder A. M. Kenney, Rev. R. B. McCain, Rev. James Benson, Rev. W. G. Oglevee, Rev. C. E. Alexander.

General Church Work—Rev. J. D. McCaughtry (Chairman), Rev. Elisha Safford, Rev. C. S. Adams, Rev. T. H. Hunt, Rev. John Balcom Shaw, Rev. A. G. Parker, Rev. J. L. Tait, Rev. E. M. Martin, Rev. T. D. Acheson, Rev. W. C. Crofts, Rev. A. F. Ernst, Rev. C. E. Campbell.

For Trustees of Synod—Rev. J. R. E. Craighead, Mr. S. F. Wilson, Mr. A. Stevenson, Mr. C. T. Yeomans, Rev. W. S. P. Bryan.

Presbyterian Brotherhood (the committee to choose its chairman)—Rev. R. F. Cressey, Rev. F. W. Hawley, Rev. F. W. McCluskey, Mr. Andrew Stevenson (Buena Memorial, Chicago), John Crebs (Carmi), Rev. H. L. Moore, Judge S. S. Anderson (Charleston), M. G. Clark (Streator), N. M. Love (First, Peoria), Morrison H. Vail (Dixon), J. R. Hanna (Monmouth), President A. R. Taylor (Decatur).

Rev. E. N. Ware presented the report of the Committee on General Assembly Minutes, which was adopted as follows.

Your Committee on Assembly Minutes would report:

1. The Minutes of the Illinois Synod were approved by the Assembly.

2. That Overture No. 2 on Executive Commissions (Form Government, chapter 2, section 4, M. G. A., 207) for the Synod sent down by the Assembly of 1907 was constitutionally adopted, and is now a part of the Constitution of the Church.

3. That Overture No. 4 (F. G., chapter 19, section 2, M. G. A., p. 210) giving the Moderator certain administrative powers accorded to him by the judicatory has now become a part of the Constitution of the Church.

4. Synods are asked to exercise special care in selecting their Standing Committee on Temperance; that such committees and the Assembly's Committee should actively co-operate in organizing and conducting an aggressive campaign.

5. That Synod is advised to have a Committee on Interchurch Federation.

Respectfully submitted,

A. O. Elliott,
E. N. Ware,
E. M. Steen,
H. H. Parrott,
M. C. Sawyer,

The Committee on Finance offered the following resolution:

That the Synod appoint a committee of three to co-operate with a similar committee of the General Assembly and of our Presbyteries for the purpose of financing litigation arising out of the recent union.

It was adopted, and the following were appointed as this committee: Elder A. R. Taylor, Elder T. H. Perrin, Rev. W. H. Penhallegon.

The report of the Committee on Attendance and Absence was presented by Rev. R. F. Cressey, and adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Attendance and Absence report the following excused by Synod:

ALTON PRESBYTERY.

Wednesday Morning—Jacob Daum.
Thursday Morning—C. E. Freeman.
Thursday Afternoon—W. L. Porter.

BLOOMINGTON PRESBYTERY.

Thursday Morning—Jacob Ehresman.

CAIRO PRESBYTERY.

Thursday Afternoon—F. L. Gould.

CHICAGO PRESBYTERY.

Wednesday Afternoon—M. D. Hardin, W. E. Donaldson.
Thursday Evening—P. Matzinger, John Scott.

PEORIA PRESBYTERY.

Thursday Evening—W. I. Alexander, A. O. Elliott.

ROCK RIVER PRESBYTERY.

Thursday Morning—J. D. Mercer.
Thursday Afternoon—R. E. Fleming.

RUSHVILLE PRESBYTERY.

Thursday Afternoon—W. F. Ogilvie, H. B. Roach.

SPRINGFIELD PRESBYTERY.

Thursday Morning—S. Montgomery.
Thursday Evening—J. J. Bergen.

Respectfully submitted,
R. F. CRESSEY, *Chairman.*

The Moderator appointed Rev. F. W. Hawley to draft a suitable minute on the death of Rev. S. H. Hyde.

The minutes of the day were read and approved.

After prayer, Synod took recess until 7.30 o'clock to-night.

THURSDAY EVENING, 7.30 o'clock.

Synod met and was opened with prayer.

Rev. F. W. Hawley offered the following minute, which was adopted:

The Synod of Illinois hereby places on record its high appreciation of the life and work of Rev. Smith Harris Hyde, D.D., who passed to his heavenly reward October 4, 1908.

Mr. Hyde was born at Youngstown, N. Y., September 28, 1834; was a graduate of Yale University, class of '57, and of Auburn Theological Seminary, class of '60. He was ordained by the Presbytery of St. Louis in

1861; was pastor at Rock Hill, Mo., 1861-1864; Carrollton, Ill., 1864-1880; East St. Louis, 1880-1882; at Carthage, Ill., '82-99; Prairie City, Ill., '99-1904.

He was Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Alton for ten years, and was Permanent Clerk of the Synod of Illinois for twenty years, 1882-1902.

Dr. Hyde was a man of fine intellectual attainments, of deep spiritual life, and was faithful in the extreme in pastoral duties, and in all affairs pertaining to the church courts. He was a sympathetic, earnest preacher of the Gospel, a man full of the Holy Ghost. He leaves four children, his wife and seven children having preceded him in death. One son, Rev. John Hyde, is an honored missionary from this Synod in India. A man full of faith and good works has fallen on sleep. The influence of his life remains as a sweet benediction to all who knew him.

Submitted by
F. W. HAWLEY, *Chairman.*

Rev. R. C. Dobson presented the report of the Committee on Resolutions, expressing the appreciation of Synod for hospitality shown by the entertaining church.

The roll was called, and the following found present:

FINAL ROLL.

ALTON PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—R. L. Evans, J. G. Reynolds, W. H. Bradley, R. F. Cressey, E. N. Goff.

Elders—E. C. Richards, Robert West, H. Kabel, W. F. Dressor.

BLOOMINGTON PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—W. B. Allison, A. E. Barrows, J. G. Venable, J. H. Morphis, A H. Kelso, F. W. Hawley, R. C. Dobson, J. I. Dool.

Elders—A. C. Thulberry, E. D. Churchill, J. T. Ayers, W. S. Houston.

CAIRO PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—T. N. Hunt, Alfred Fowler, J. R. E. Craighead.

Elders—L. F. West, J. K. Price.

CHICAGO PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—A. G. Bergen, James T. Ford, Alexander Lewis, James MacLagan, T. H. McConnell, J. J. Rae, E. N. Ware, F. R. Rosebro, R. D. Scott, J. A. Vance, D. C. Milner, W. E. Youtsler, R. B. Weld.

Elders—F. L. Boggs, H. H. Parrott, Henry S. Osborne, John S. Nollen, E. J. Holden, Samuel H. Brown, Edward S. Ransom, Thos. A. Hall.

EWING PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—J. H. Piper, S. C. Roper, J. F. Lackey.

Elders—Lewis Bayley, W. J. Rice, J. E. Frazier, W. H. Harrison.

FREEPORT PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—B. L. Brittin, Geo. A. McAlister, A. W. McClurkin.

Elders—B. F. Ells, E. Chamberlain, G. T. Keator.

MATTOON PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—E. B. Landis, E. M. Martin, C. L. Overstreet, W. C. Snider, I. W. Allen, Jr., J. A. Tracy.

Elders—D. T. Harbison, A. A. Filer, E. R. White, J. R. Guthrie, J. F. Galbreath.

OTTAWA PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—R. B. McCain, J. D. McCaughtry, D. M. Ogilvie.

Elders—E. J. Preston, M. C. Sawyer, G. P. Crawford.

PEORIA PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—I. A. Cornelison, A. M. Little, H. W. Burger.

Elders—W. M. Moffatt, H. M. Shipton, E. C. Miles, G. W. Rowcliff.

ROCK RIVER PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—E. L. Lord, J. L. Henning, Marion Humphreys, Philip Palmer.

Elders—James Venable, W. L. Candor, W. J. Postlewaite.

RUSHVILLE PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—W. R. King, J. M. Thompson, J. L. Sawyer, E. M. Clingan, J. C. Hutchison.

Elders—H. F. Denny, G. J. Hersman.

SPRINGFIELD PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—John Boden, C. A. Smith, A. P. Higley, T. D. Logan, M. C. Cockrum, E. M. Steen, J. L. Crawford, J. W. Mays.

Elders—J. W. Graham, C. S. Oglevee, R. F. Breese.

A popular meeting was held in the interest of Young People's Work and the Presbyterian Brotherhood. Addresses were made by Rev. A. M. Little, on the Work of Young People. Elders A. R. Taylor, Mr. Andrew Stevenson, Rev. S. R. Boyd and Rev. A. P. Higley, spoke on Brotherhood Work.

The minutes having been approved, after a season of prayer, in which Synod was led by Rev. W. H. Bradley, Rev. W. R. King and the Moderator. Synod adjourned to meet at Lake Forest on the third Tuesday of October, 1909, at 7.30 P.M.

C. HARMON JOHNSON, *Permanent Clerk,*
GEO. J. E. RICHARDS, *Stated Clerk.*

APPENDIX

I.—STANDING RULES OR BY-LAWS OF THE SYNOD

1. The general rules for the judicatories recommended from time to time by the General Assembly, shall be the rules of the Synod.

2. The Synod, consisting of commissioners chosen by the presbyteries according to the ratio of one minister and one elder for every fifteen ministers and churches combined on the roll of each Presbytery, shall meet annually on the third Tuesday of October, at 7.30 p.m., and in the place designated at the previous annual meeting. The members of this corporation shall consist, immediately after its complete organization under the laws of the State of Illinois, of said commissioners, who shall become members as so selected by the respective presbyteries from time to time, and continue such members during the current year for which selected by such presbyteries. At any meeting of the Synod, whether annual or special, any seven ministers, members of Synod with as many elders, also members, as shall be present, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, provided not more than three of said ministers belong to one Presbytery.

Special meetings of the Synod may be called by the Moderator upon the application of the Board of Trustees or of any other ten members, in writing, and ten days' notice of any such special meeting shall be given by the Stated Clerk by mail to the last-known address of the members.

3. The officers of the Synod shall be a Moderator and two Temporary Clerks, who shall serve for one year; a Stated Clerk, who shall also be Treasurer, and a Permanent Clerk, who shall serve during the term of five years, or until their successors are elected. The Salary of the Stated Clerk and Treasurer shall be $250 per year, and that of the Permanent Clerk $75 per year. The Moderator and Permanent Officers shall be chosen by ballot, but in case only one nomination is made, the election shall be viva voce.

4. A Committee of Arrangements shall be appointed annually, consisting of six members, among whom shall be the Stated and Permanent Clerks, the Moderator, and the pastor of the church in which the Synod meets, the Stated Clerk to be ex-officio chairman. This committee shall prepare the order of business for the Synod in consultation with the chairmen of the permanent and standing committees as hereinafter described, and shall also have charge of the railroad transportation of the members.

5. A list of the commissioners of each Presbytery shall be forwarded by its Stated Clerk to the Stated Clerk of the Synod at least one week previous to the annual meeting.

6. The annual meeting of the Synod shall be opened with a sermon by the Moderator, or, in case of his failure, by some one designated by the Committee of Arrangements.

7. At least one-half hour of each day of the sessions shall be given to devotional services.

8. The following standing committees shall be appointed annually, viz.:

On Bills and Overtures, seven members.

On Judicial Business, seven members.

On Minutes of the General Assembly, five members.

On Finance and Treasurer's Accounts, five members, of whom two at least shall be ministers.

On Attendance and Absence, five members.

On Next Place of Meeting, three members.

On Corresponding Members, three members.

On Records of the Presbyteries, one member to constitute a general committee to prepare and present the report, and twelve committees of three members each to examine the records of the presbyteries and to report on the same to the general committee.

9. The Permanent Committees of Synod shall be seven in number.

1. *On the Spiritual Life of the Churches in the Bounds of the Synod.* It shall present the religious condition and needs of our churches, shall receive from the presbyteries ten days before the annual meeting a written report on the state of religion covering a synodical year; shall prepare the narrative for the General Assembly, and present it for the consideration of Synod; and shall have charge of evangelistic and other movements looking to the quickening of the spiritual life, so far as these pertain to this Synod. The Communion of the Lord's Supper as observed by Synod may properly be held in connection with the consideration of this question.

2. *On Christian Education.* It shall take account of the religious condition of our youth in universities, colleges and schools, public and private; the maintenance of the church schools, colleges and seminaries in the bounds of Synod, including the regular visitation of these by the committees of Synod; the aid of colleges and academies under the care of the General Assembly. To this committee also is entrusted the question of the best method of presenting to the young men of our Synod the question of a call to the ministry and of promoting sound theological education within our bounds.

3. *On the Youth of the Church as Represented in Our Sabbath Schools and Young People's Organizations.* It shall devise measures to develop in our youth a clearer knowledge of the Word of God and of the active duties of the Christian life, not only of our own Sabbath schools, but in the needy places of the land as cared for by the Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work.

4. *On Home Missions.* In addition to our Synodical Home Missions, this committee shall have charge of the interests of our work among the Freedmen and among the foreign populations within our bounds, and

of the duty of our Synod to the Home Mission work of the Church at large.

5. *On Foreign Missions,* which shall see to it that the interests of this cause may be properly presented to Synod by addresses from time to time.

6. *On General Church Work,* in which are included systematic beneficence, ministerial relief, church erection, temperance reform, Sabbath observance and such other practical measures as are not hereinbefore provided for.

7. *On Presbyterian Brotherhood,* with the following duties: (1) the holding of a synodical convention; (2) The promotion of presbyterial organizations with working constitution and governing council; (3) The general promotion, unification and stimulation of the movement within the Synod.

These committees, except that of Home Missions, which is governed by the General Rules adopted in 1902, and that of Foreign Missions, which is to consist of the chairmen of the presbyterial committees, shall consist of twelve members each, one from each Presbytery, to be appointed by the Synod, and there may be appointed on the Education Committee additional members not exceeding four.

10. The Synod shall at its annual meeting in each year elect from its members five (5) trustees, who shall hold office for one year, and until their successors shall be elected and qualified; such trustees shall have the care, custody and control of the real and personal property of the corporation, subject to the direction of Synod.

The Moderator for the current year shall be one of such five trustees and ex-officio chairman, and the Stated Clerk shall be Treasurer and Secretary. Deeds and conveyances of property may be executed in the name of the Synod, signed by the Moderator and attested by the Secretary or Treasurer, who shall attach thereto the seal of the Synod; such deeds and conveyances to be made only upon order, either general or special, of Synod duly assembled. All other activities of Synod, except those expressly devolved by Synod upon said trustees, shall be transacted by the Synod itself and its various committees, boards and agencies (as appointed by it), who shall require good and sufficient bonds, running to Synod, of all persons to whom the custody of funds is entrusted.

11. The duties of the officers of Synod shall be such as usually pertain to their respective officers.

12. The seal of the Synod shall be as follows: The emblem shall be an open Bible with these words on the left hand page: "The Word of the Lord," and these on the right-hand page, "Endureth Forever," the whole surrounded with the words, "Synod of Illinois of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A." The exact design and ornamentation shall be chosen by the trustees.

13. The Moderator, who opens the annual meeting with a sermon, when not a commissioner, the chairmen of the permanent and special committees and the stated or permanent clerks of the Synod shall be ex-

officio members thereof, with all the rights of members except that of voting.

14. To meet the contingent and mileage expenses of the Synod an apportionment covering the amount needed shall be levied annually on the presbyteries according to the number of communicants in their churches at their last report, the amount to be apportioned and recommended by the Standing Committee on Finance.

It shall be the duty of the treasurers of the presbyteries to remit the amount thus required of them to the Treasurer of the Synod on or before the first of May of each year.

15. The Minutes of the annual meeting of the Synod shall be published in pamphlet form, under the direction of the Stated Clerk, as soon as practicable after the adjournment, and in sufficient number of copies to supply every minister and every church session in the Synod with one copy each, and also for distribution at the next annual meeting of the Synod.

16. The janitor of the church where the Synod meets shall be paid $5.00 for his services.

17. These Standing Rules may be modified or repealed, one day's notice being given, and also temporarily suspended by a two-thirds vote of the Synod at an annual meeting.

II.—SUCCESSION OF MODERATORS

CUMBERLAND BRANCH, 1886-1906.

A.D.	Name.	Presbytery.	Place.
1886	A. J. McGlumphy, D.D.	Mackinaw	Salem
1887	W. W. M. Barber	Vandalia	Lincoln
1888	J. A. Chase	Mackinaw	Grayville
1889	W. T. Ferguson, D.D.	Albion	Bethany
1890	J. G. White, D.D.	Mackinaw	Lincoln
1891	P. R. Danley, D.D.	Sangamon	Salem
1892	T. H. Perrin (elder)	Vandalia	Petersburg
1893	R. M. Tinnon, D.D.	Mackinaw	Danville
1894	A. E. Turner (elder)	Mackinaw	Chicago
1895	W. C. Logan	Chicago	Sullivan
1896	C. W. Yates	Albion	Enfield
1897	A. H. Stephens, D.D.	Chicago	Mattoon
1898	L. J. Claggett	Rushville	Virginia
1899	C. E. Hayes, D.D.	Mackinaw	Table Grove
1900	J. L. Hudgins	Albion	Mt. Vernon
1901	J. W. Laughlin, D.D.	Chicago	Bethany
1902	J. F. Rogers	Sangamon	Lincoln
1903	D. E. Bushnell, D.D.	Vandalia	Decatur
1904	J. M. Johnston	Sangamon	Sullivan
1905	A. R. Taylor (elder)	Decatur	Irving
1906	T. H. Perrin (elder)	Vandalia	Danville

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS, 1882-1908.

1882	*Robt. W. Patterson, D.D.	Chicago	Springfield
1883	John W. Dinsmore, D.D.	Bloomington	Alton
1884	Ambrose C. Smith, D.D.	Freeport	Bloomington
1885	Benj. C. Swan, D.D.	Cairo	Centralia
1886	Edward C. Sickells, D.D.	Rock River	Mattoon
1887	*Amos H. Dean, D.D.	Schuyler	Oak Park
1888	Samuel M. Morton, D.D.	Springfield	Galesburg
1889	*John H. Worcester, D.D.	Chicago	Rochelle
1890	*Edwin L. Hurd, D.D.	Alton	DuQuoin
1891	Isaac A. Cornelison, D.D.	Peoria	Joliet
1892	Alex. B. Morey, D.D.	Springfield	Jerseyville
1893	*James A. Piper, D.D.	Mattoon	Peoria
1894	Frank F. Stoltz, D.D.	Ottawa	Jacksonville
1895	Wm. A. Hunter, D.D.	Bloomington	Peoria
1896	Joseph H. Stephenson, D.D.	Cairo	Danville
1897	*James Lewis, D.D.	Chicago	Galesburg
1898	*David Clark	Freeport	Bloomington
1899	Jos. M. Ross	Schuyler	Joliet
1900	Thos. B. Greenlee, Ph.D.	Alton	Decatur
1901	Chas. N. Wilder, D.D.	Bloomington	Jacksonville
1902	Edwin L. Lord	Ottawa	Chicago
1903	Edgar L. Williams, D.D.	Peoria	Springfield
1904	Thos. D. Logan, D.D.	Springfield	Rock Island
1905	Wm. S. Marquis, D.D.	Rock River	Champaign
1906	S. F. Wilson (elder)	Mattoon	East St. Louis
1907	Abram G. Bergen	Chicago	Clinton
1908	J. R. E. Craighead	Cairo	Monmouth

III.—SUCCESSION OF CLERKS

CUMBERLAND BRANCH, 1886-1906.

A.D.	Stated Clerks.
1886	Neil D. Johnson.
1888	John W. Elder.
1895	George D. Willingham.
1898	Anthony M. Prewitt.
1898	Abram G. Bergen.

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS, 1882-1907.

A.D.	Stated Clerks.	A.D.	Permanent Clerks.
1882	*David S. Johnson, D.D.	1882	*Smith H. Hyde, D.D.
1902	Geo. J. E. Richards.	1902	Sherman L. Devine.
		1906	C. Harmon Johnson.

For full list of Moderators and Clerks from 1831 see Minutes of 1902, pages 87-90.

*Deceased.

IV.—STATISTICAL REPORT OF PRESBYTERIES

1—ALTON.

Alton Presbytery consists of the ministers and churches within the Counties of Calhoun, Greene, Macoupin, Bond, St. Clair, Montgomery, Jersey, Madison, Monroe, Randolph and Clinton, except the minister and church of Centralia.

CHAIRMEN OF PERMANENT COMMITTEES.

Home Missions—Rev. W. E. Archibald, D.D., 1232 Gaty Ave. E. St. Louis.

Foreign Missions—Rev. A. G. Lane, D.D., Alton, Ill.

Education—Rev. Walter H. Bradley, Upper Alton, Ill.

Publication and Sunday School Work—Rev. J. G. Reynolds, Madison, Ill.

Church Erection—Rev. J. J. Wilson, Coffeen, Ill.

Ministerial Relief—Rev. Howard Billman, 625 N. 31st St., E. St. Louis.

Freedmen—Rev. Alison Hunter, Greenville, Ill.

College Board—Rev. E. M. Calvin, Chester, Ill.

Systematic Beneficence—Rev. Elisha Safford, Edwardsville, Ill.

Narrative and Necrology—Rev. J. M. Newman, Sorento, Ill.

Young People's Societies—Rev. R. S. Stevenson, Greenville, Ill.

Evangelism—Rev. R. L. Evans, Carrollton, Ill.

Temperance and Sabbath Observance—Rev. J. R. McIlroy, Baldwin, Ill.

Brotherhood—Rev. R. F. Cressey, Hillsboro, Ill.

Ministers Received—Tsvetko S. Bagranoff, Presbytery of Lackawanna, April 14, 1908; W. T. Campbell, Springfield Association of Congregational Churches, April 14; D. K. Miller, Presbytery of Kearney, April 14; Roger F. Cressey, Springfield, April 14; Guy E. Smock, Bloomington, April 14; Francis Lee Goff, Nashville, September 22; A. T. Leonard, Crawfordsville, September 22; Benj. F. McMican, Indiana, September 22; Geo. L. Clark, Bloomington, September 22.

Ministers Dismissed—D. E. Bushnell, to Presbytery of Nashville; C. F. Wilson, Rushville, November 11, 1907; James M. Duer, Bloomington, January 27, 1908; J. A. Gehrett, Niobrara, April 14; John McMillan, Mattoon, September 22; Finis P. Witherspoon, Kansas City, September 22; Andrew J. Taylor, Waco, September 22; Thomas W. Lingle, Concord, Presbyterian Church in U. S., September 22.

Installed—W. L. Porter, Virden, October 24, 1907; James Hickling, Raymond, May 24, 1908.

Pastorates Dissolved—J. M. Duer, Hillsboro, November 11, 1907; D. E. Bushnell, Alton (12th St.), November 11, 1907; J. A. Gehrett, Nokomis, January 27, 1908; John McMillan, Brighton, April 15, 1908.

Minister Deceased—Henry Gardner, April 5, 1908, aged 57.

Candidates—C. A. Keller, Sparta; W. D. Buchanan, East St. Louis First; Ross L. Wilson, Raymond; Harold T. Wilson, Raymond; Henry C. McMican, Liberty Prairie.

Time of Stated Meetings—Second Tuesday in April; Fourth Tuesday in September.

Name and Address of Stated Clerk—Walter H. Bradley, Upper Alton, Illinois.

2—BLOOMINGTON.

"The Presbytery of Bloomington in connection with the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America" consists of all the ministers and churches within the Counties of Iroquois, Vermilion, Champaign, Piatt (except the church and minister of Cisco), Dewitt, McLean, Ford (except the church and minister of Cabery), and all that portion of Livingston County lying south of the northern boundary of Congressional Township No. 26, and also the minister and church of El Paso, in Woodford County.

CHAIRMEN OF PERMANENT COMMITTEES.

Home Missions—Rev. C. S. Davies, Fairbury.
Foreign Missions—Rev. H. H. Shawhan, Danville.
Education—Rev. J. G. Venable, Mahomet.
Sunday School Work—Rev. S. H. Smith, Paxton.
Ministerial Relief—Rev. R. C. Dobson, Bloomington.
Church Erection—Rev. J. M. Broady, Gibson City.
Freedmen—Rev. J. I. Dool, Normal.
College Aid—Rev. S. H. Shock, Tolono.
Systematic Beneficence—Rev. C. S. Adams, Bement.
Temperance—Rev. E. F. Hoke, Chenoa.
Young People's Societies—Rev. J. H. Miller, El Paso.
American Tract and Bible Societies—Rev. C. A. Cloud, Sheldon.
Narrative—Rev. J. H. Morphis, Catlin.
Evangelistic Work—Rev. H. G. Gleiser, Monticello.
Presbyterian Brotherhood—Rev. S. W. Findley, Urbana.

Ministers Received—In 1908, James M. Duer, Presbytery of Springfield, April 13; William W. Wilson, Mattoon, April 13; F. E. Birkett, Cairo; W. H. Fulton, Chicago; Paul Heiligman, J. E. Ennis, Springfield, September 9.

Ministers Dismissed—In 1907, R. G. Shafer, to Chicago Presbytery, October 16; in 1908, J. A. Logan, Cedar Rapids, February 4; R. H. McHenry, Mattoon; Guy E. Smock, Alton, April 13; Adam Schafer, Corning; S. C. Black, Boulder, April 14; F. L. Gould, Cairo; Robert Bradley, Sioux City; W. J. Tull, Mattoon, September 9; John L. Hartsook, Ewing, September 28.

Installed—A. H. Kelso, Stanford, October 23, 1907; Wm. W. Wilson, Danvers, May 10, 1908; J. H. Miller, El Paso, June 3, 1908.

Pastorates Dissolved—J. A. Logan, Wellington, February 4, 1908; S. C. Black, Clinton, April 14, 1908; Robert Bradley, Danville (Olivet), April 15, 1908; John L. Hartsook, Rankin, September 28, 1908.

Ministers Deceased—Robert Conover, February 5, 1908, aged 85; Richard Edwards, March 7, 1908, aged 80; Samuel W. Griffith, June 7, 1908, aged 80; Rev. Albert J. Bergen, October 11, 1908, aged 71.

Churches Disbanded—Chatsworth, April 14, 1908; Westville, April 14, 1908.

Candidates—Geo. A. Hartman, Jr., Homer Church; Wm. H. Gleiser, Monticello Church; Floyd L. Berkeiser, Sheldon Church; H. E. Armstrong, Catlin Church.

Times of Stated Meetings—Third Tuesday of September, and second Monday of April

Name and Address of Stated Clerk—Rev. Geo. R. Smith, Gilman, Ill.

3—CAIRO.

"The Cairo Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America" consists of all the ministers and churches within the Counties of Jackson, Williamson, Saline, Gallatin, Hardin, Pope, Johnson, Union, Massac, Pulaski and Alexander.

Chairmen Permanent Committees.

Home Missions—Rev. James R. E. Craighead, Anna.

Foreign Missions—Rev. A. S. Buchanan, Cairo.

Christian Education—Rev. F. W. McClusky, Anna.

Youth of the Church—Rev. Chas. McCluer, Cobden.

Church Erection—Rev. Robt. Watt, Murphysboro.

Ministerial Relief—Rev. R. M. Rumsey, Eddyville.

Beneficence—Rev. T. N. Hunt, Equality.

Spiritual Life of Church—Rev. Daniel Breeze, Shawneetown.

Sabbath Observance and Temperance—Rev. A. M. Bean, Cottonwood.

Bible Society—Rev. M. E. Morse, Eldorado.

Ministers Received—Alfred Fowler, from Presbytery of Fort Wayne, September 18, 1907; T. D. Latimer, from Transylvania Presbytery, January 28, 1908; J. R. Trett, from White River Presbytery (C. P.), March 6, 1908; Emanuel Breeze, Madison Presbytery, May 26, 1908; Franklin L. Gould, Bloomington Presbytery, September 9, 1908; Edward M. Williams, Lake Superior Presbytery, September 9, 1908; T. N. Hunt, Burrow Presbytery (C. P.), April 28, 1908.

Ministers Dismissed—T. M. Gossard, Rushville Presbytery, April 29, 1908; C. G. Watson, San Francisco Presbytery, June 12, 1908; F. E. Birkett, Bloomington Presbytery, September 2, 1908.

Ordained—Niedermeyer, June 2, 1908.

Installed—J. R. Truett, Palestine, May 14, 1908; Hewey Joyce, New Prospect, September 23, 1908.

Pastorates Dissolved—T. M. Gossard, Golconda, April 29, 1908; F. E. Birkett, Harrisburg, April 29, 1908; C. G. Watson, Herrin, June 12, 1908.

Ministers Deceased—Benjamin Chesnut Swan, D.D., May 2, 1908, aged 85; R. M. Davis, July 23, 1908, aged 84.

Church Organized—Marion, May 12, 1908.

Number of Charter Members—Twenty-five.

Churches Received—Broughton, Ewing Presbytery, September 23, 1908; Cora City, Independent, September 23, 1908.

Stated Meetings—Third Tuesday in April and fourth Tuesday in September, 7.30 p.m.

Name and Address of Stated Clerk—Rev. Daniel Breeze, Shawneetown, Illinois.

4—CHICAGO.

Chicago Presbytery consists of all the ministers and churches within the Counties of Lake, Cook, DuPage, Will and Kankakee, and in the Townships of Braceville, Felix and Greenfield, in Grundy County, and also the minister and church of Cabery, in Ford County.

Chairmen of Permanent Committees.

Foreign Missions—Philip F. Matzinger, 307 S. Leavitt St.

Home Missions—Edward H. Curtis, 6138 Woodlawn Ave.

Education—A. S. C. Clarke, 716 Washington St., Evanston, Ill.

Publication and Sunday School Work—W. S. Plumer Bryan, 3 Chalmers Place.

Tract Society—Wilson E. Donaldson, 131 Clark Ave., Austin Station.

Church Extension—John Balcom Shaw, 1604 Prairie Ave.

Church Extension Advisory—Joseph A. Vance, 181 E. 53d St.

Church Erection—W. H. Wray Boyle, Lake Forest, Ill.

Ministerial Relief—Robert D. Scott, 11333 Indiana Ave.

Freedmen—Edgar Beckwith, Maywood, Ill.

Systematic Beneficence—C. Harmon Johnson, 4740 Indiana Ave.

College Board—John S. Nollen, Lake Forest, Ill.

Temperance—D. C. Milner, 1400 N. Sawyer Ave.

Young People's Societies—Edward N. Ware, 438 Newport Ave.

Brotherhood—William C. Covert, 367 Oakwood Boul.

Evangelistic—William E. McLennan, 251 Osgood St.

Bible Society—Alexander Patterson, Morgan Park, Ill.

Bills and Overtures—Hermon D. Jenkins, Riverside, Ill.

Hospital—Martin D. Hardin, 703 Washington Boul.

Ministers Received—In 1907, Wm. B. Cowgill, October 7; J. Beveridge Lee, from Milwaukee Presbytery; J. B. Donaldson, Iowa City, November 14; Wm. G. Trower, San Jose; R. G. Shafer, Bloomington; A. S. C. Clarke, Omaha, and R. M. Little, Chicago, U. P., November 4; R. B. Fisher, Rushville; J. A. McKee, Detroit, December 2. In 1908, M. D. Hardin, Mecklenburg, January 6; G. B. Laird, Blairsville, and Robert Irwin, Bellingham, February 3; T. H. Cleland, Duluth; Hugh T. Kerr, Larned, March 2; L. M. Belden, Lake Superior, May 4; Eli T. Allen, Pendleton; C. P. Goodson, St. Louis; A. H. Campbell, Sioux City, June 1; W. H. Fulton, Chicago, U. P., September 14; M. F. Albright, Niagara, and J. J. Rae, Canada, Methodist Church, October 5.

Ministers Dismissed—In 1907, R. M. Little, to Pittsburgh Presbytery, November 20; John M. Boyd, Detroit, December 9. In 1908, A. W. McClurkin, Freeport, and R. J. Young, Detroit, January 6; A. G. Work, Flint, February 3; H. W. Johnston, Waterloo; J. A. Gallaher, Kalamazoo; V. Pazdral, Corsicana; A. W. Ringland, Ardmore, April 13; J. B. Donald-

son, Logansport, March 2; B. S. Bates, Pembina, May 4; J. C. Engel, Oakes, June 1; M. B. Wills, Peoria, June 22; S. M. Johnson, Washington City, August 3; Wm. H. Fulton, Bloomington, and F. N. Riale, St. Louis, September 14; T. H. Cleland, New Albany, W. C. Cooper, Pueblo; F. H. Geselbracht, Willamette; C. G. Reynolds, French Broad, October 5.

Ordained—Wm. C. Cooper, October 25, 1907; Albert W. McClurkin, November 4, 1907; Haidow Ablahat, Thomas W. Graham, Charles E. Stickle and Frank T. Barry, May 5, 1908; John J. Heeren, May 13, 1908.

Installed—J. B. Fleming, Chicago Heights, October 21, 1907; J. E. Snyder, Christ, October 24, 1907; A. S. C. Clarke, Evanston, Second, November 12, 1907; W. G. Trower, Seventh, November 19, 1907; R. B. Fisher, Drexel Park, December 31, 1907; M. D. Hardin, Third, January 9, 1908; H. T. Kerr, Fullerton Ave., March 11, 1908; J. W. Nicely, Crerar Memorial, June 8, 1908; E. R. Worrell, Brookline, June 9, 1908; C. P. Goodson, Highland Park, June 25, 1908.

Pastorates Dissolved—In 1907, A. G. Bergen, Drexel Park, October 14; J. H. Boyd, Evanston, First, December 9. In 1908, R. J. Young, Buena Memorial, January 6; W. R. Notman, Fourth, February 3; E. B. Hubbell, Brookline, March 2; J. A. Gallaher, Avondale, April 13; O. O. Russell, Ridgeway Ave., April 20; B. S. Bates, Berwyn, May 4; A. J. Rondthaler, Normal Park, May 4; F. N. Riale, Tenth, September 14; C. G. Reynolds, Joliet, First, October 5; J. Clair Leach, October 5.

Deceased—George Simpson, January 31, 1908, aged 75 years.

Churches Organized—Crerar Memorial, May 12, 1908, with 430 members; Chicago Lawn, May 17, 1908, with 60 members.

Licentiates—Hamilton F. Allen, Marten E. Anderson, Second; Charles S. Ogilvie, Second; David W. Ferry, Third; George E. Parisoe, Fullerton Ave.

Candidates—J. G. K. McClure, Jr., Lake Forest; C. R. Murray, Third; A. A. Smidt, Third; A. H. Zeimar, Bethany; J. Barnes, Evanston; C. F. Elfeld, Covenant; H. I. Parrott, Second; A. W. Roobe, Bethany; G. H. Gross, Roseland, Central; C. E. Latchem, Morgan Park; C. R. Longbrake, Second; A. E. Lehman, Olivet; E. Allemeng, Second; W. J. Robb, Fullerton Ave.; G. W. Barnum, Bethany; G .W. Camp, Grace; E. DeLuce, Fourth; Edward Loew, Second; H. E. Wooding, Second; W. Ohan, Second; W. Stewart, Covenant; Albert C. Ramsay, Third; O. H. Haase, Third; Seth C. Craig, Arthur M. Baker, Walter H. Evans.

Stated Meetings—First Monday, June, August, October, November, December, February, March; second Monday, April.

Name and Address of Stated Clerk—Rev. James Frothingham, 5000 Madison Ave., Chicago, Ill.

5—EWING.

Ewing Presbytery consists of the ministers and churches within the Counties of Clay, Richland, Lawrence, Wabash, Edwards, Wayne, Jefferson, Washington, Perry, Franklin, Hamilton. White and Marion, including the minister and church of Centralia.

CHAIRMEN OF PERMANENT COMMITTEES.

Spiritual Life—John C. Christie, Carmi, Ill.
Christian Education—L. D. Becke, Bethany, Ill.
Youth of the Church—L. D. Lasswell, Enfield, Ill.
Home Missions—Elder J. E. Willis, Enfield, Ill.
Foreign Missions—L. M. Scroggs, Flora, Ill.
Beneficence—A. G. Parker, Olney, Ill.
Church Erection—S. L. Roper, Norris City, Ill.
Ministerial Relief—Y. T. Walker, Xenia, Ill.
Sabbath Observance and Temperance—
American Bible Society—John L. Hughey, McLeansboro.

Ministers Received—William M. Maxton and Joseph H. Kirocofe, Indianapolis, April 21, 1908; George A. Wilson, Bloomington, April 21, 1908; John W. Ritchey, Alton, April 21, 1908; Matthew Brooks, Sedalia, April 21, 1908; John T. Lackey, Nashville, April 21, 1908; Samuel D. McCracken. New Albany, April 21, 1908; John W. Hart, Nashville, September 16, 1908.

Ministers Dismissed—Samuel E. Taylor, to Boulder Presbytery, April 21, 1908; John Welsh, to Indiana Presbytery, April 21, 1908; Samuel U. Leinbach, to Kansas City, April 22, 1908; Loren E. Brubaker, to Robert Donnell (C. P.), May 12, 1908; Lemuel J. Hawkins, to Springfield, May 12, 1908; Geo. J. E. Richards, to Springfield, September 15, 1908; Geo. A. Wilson, to Springfield, September 15, 1908; John W. Knott, to Iowa City, September 15, 1908; Charles H. Miller, to Ottawa, September 15, 1908.

Minister Ordained—Loren E. Brubaker, May 12, 1908.

Installed—John C. Christie, Carmi, May 14, 1908; S. D. McCracken, Tamoroa, May 14, 1908; Linden D. Lasswell, Enfield, May 21, 1908.

Dropped from the Roll—G. M. Abney.

Pastorates Dissolved—L. J. Hawkins, Bridgeport, Pisgah and Wabash. May 22, 1908; S. U. Leinbach, Albion, May 1, 1908; G. J. E. Richards, Mt. Carmel, September 15, 1908; C. H. Miller, Centralia, September 15, 1908.

Church Dismissed—Broughton, to Cairo Presbytery.

Candidate—David R. Piper, Sumner.

Stated Meetings—Third Tuesday in April and September, 7.30 p.m.

Name and Address of Stated Clerk—John B. Pomeroy, Lawrenceville, Illinois.

6—FREEPORT.

Freeport Presbytery consists of the ministers and churches in the Counties of Jo Daviess, Stephenson, Winnebago, Boone, McHenry, Carroll and such part of Ogle as lies west of the third principal meridian.

CHAIRMEN OF PERMANENT COMMITTEES.

Home Missions—Rev. J. H. Boose.
Foreign Missions—Rev. D. E. Williamson.
Education—Rev. R. M. Crissman.
Youth of the Church—Elder C. C. Miller.
Spiritual Life—Rev. B. L. Brittin.

General Church Work—Rev. J. L. Tait.

Ministers Received—W. H. Fraser, Flint, December 17, 1907; A. W. McClurkin, Chicago, April 21, 1908.

Ministers Dismissed—J. N. Strain, Dubuque, June 22, 1908; O. R. Newcomb, Zanesville, September 15, 1908.

Installed—J. H. Rheingans, Oregon, December 17, 1907; A. W. McClurkin, Cedarville and Dakota, May 26, 1908; W. H. Fraser, Linn Hebron, June 1, 1908.

Pastorate Dissolved—J. N. Strain, Warren, June 22, 1908.

Candidates—John W. Chase, Hanover; Paul E. Ratsch, Hanover; Earl Cheek, Hanover; Floyd Barr, Dakota; Jay Davenport, Freeport, First.

Stated Meetings—Third Tuesday of April and September, 7.30 p.m.

Name and Address of Stated Clerk—Rev. John Henry Boose, 222 South Second St., Rockford, Ill.

7—MATTOON.

Mattoon Presbytery consists of the ministers and churches in the Counties of Shelby, Moultrie, Edgar, Coles, Clark, Cumberland, Fayette, Effingham, Jasper, Crawford and such part of Christian as lies east of the third principal meridian.

Chairmen of Permanent Committees.

Home Missions and Freedmen—Rev. E. B. Landis, Neoga.

Foreign Missions—Rev. Ira W. Allen, Jr., Paris.

Education and College Board—Rev. Sam P. Taylor, Charleston.

Ministerial Relief—Rev. E. M. Martin, Mattoon.

Publication and Sunday School Work and Young People's Societies—(Elder) Andrew M. Kenney, Broadlands.

Church Erection—Rev. A. R. Brown, Toledo.

Sabbath Observance and Temperance—Rev. Jos. F. Rogers, Assumption.

Evangelism—Rev. W. T. Angus, Vandalia.

Systematic Beneficence—Rev. W. W. M. Barber, Windsor.

Presbyterian Brotherhood—(Elder) Judge S. S. Anderson, Charleston.

Ministers Received—Henry Adelbert Thompson, Cincinnati, March 19, 1908; Robert H. McHenry, Bloomington, April 15, 1908; William H. Day, Indiana, April 15, 1908; R. Lloyd Roberts, from Congregational Church, April 15, 1908; Benjamin Berryhill, Rushville, June 2, 1908; Samuel W. Patterson, Crawfordsville, July 7, 1908; W. J. Tull, Bloomington, September 16, 1908; John McMillan, Alton, September 25, 1908.

Ministers Dismissed—Orton H. Carmichael, Crawfordsville, November 18, 1907; Montgomery May, Dayton, March 9, 1908; William W. Wilson, Bloomington, March 9, 1908; Martin C. Stonecipher, Ottawa, March 19, 1908; Henry Love, Waterloo, July 7, 1908; William L. Atkisson, Oxford, July 7, 1908; Thomas B. Haynie, Arkansas, September 16, 1908; George H. Turner, Boise, September 16, 1908.

Installed—H. A. Thompson, Tuscola, March 19, 1908; John McMillan, Tower Hill, September 25, 1908.

Ministers Deceased—J. W. Derr, November 10, 1907, aged 55; Elias Thompson, December 19, 1907, aged 87.

Churches Organized—Altamont, 30 members, July 14, 1908; Mattoon, Marshall Ave., 77 members, May 8, 1908.

Candidates—Carroll J. Tucker, Mattoon, First; Perley Coombs, Charleston, Central.

Stated Meetings—Second Tuesday in April, 7.30 p.m.; third Tuesday in September, 7.30 p.m.

Name and Address of Stated Clerk—Rev. John A. Tracy, Shelbyville, Ill., 2109 North First St.

8—OTTAWA.

The Presbytery of Ottawa consists of the ministers and churches in the Counties of DeKalb, Kane, Kendall, Grundy, LaSalle, Putnam, Livingston, and such portions of Ogle, Lee, Marshall and Woodford as lie east of the third principal meridian, except that portion of Livingston County lying south of the northern boundary of Congressional Township No. 26, and the minister and church of El Paso in Woodford County, which shall remain in Bloomington Presbytery ,and the townships of Braceville, Felix and Greenfield in Grundy County, which shall remain in Chicago Presbytery.

Chairmen of Permanent Committees.

Home Missions—Rev. Geo. Dunlap, Waterman.

Foreign Missions—Rev. J. H. Stevenson, D.D., Kings.

Church Erection—Rev. Gerald D. Heuver, Wenona.

Ministerial Relief—Rev. Henry Abraham, Morris.

Freedmen—Rev. J. D. McCaughtry, Streator.

Sunday School Work—Rev. D. K. Campbell, Ottawa.

College Board—Rev. Edwin Harris, Oswego.

Education—Rev. James G. Butler, Oswego.

Spiritual Life of Church—Rev. D. M. Ogilvie, Sandwich.

Temperance—Rev. B. R. Von der Lippe, Earlville.

Systematic Beneficence—Rev. J. C. Haswell, D.D., Utica.

Young People's Work—Rev. Henry Hepburn, Aurora.

Men's Societies—Rev. C. J. Wilson, Grand Ridge.

Ministers Received—Jesse M. Tidball, from Rock River Presbytery, April 15, 1908; Martin C. Stonecipher, Mattoon, April 15, 1908; Herbert A. Bradford, Mattoon, September 10, 1908.

Ministers Dismissed—Geo. L. Engler, to Presbytery of St. Joseph, May 29, 1908; Charles W. Anthony, Oakland, September 9, 1908.

Installed—Jesse M. Tidball, Minonk, May 5, 1908.

Pastorates Dissolved—Louis F. Cooper, Minonk, December 31, 1907; Geo. L. Engler, Paw Paw, May 29, 1908.

Licentiates—George T. Scott, Ottawa; George A. Harris, Kings.

Times of Stated Meetings—Second Tuesdays of September and April.

Name and Address of Stated Clerk—Rev. John S. Martin, Rochelle, Ill.

9—PEORIA.

"The Presbytery of Peoria of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America" consists of the ministers and churches in the Counties of Knox, Stark, Fulton, Peoria, Tazewell and such portions of Marshall and Woodford as lie west of the third principal meridian, and such portions of Mason and Logan as lie north of the line between Townships 20 and 21, north.

Chairmen of Permanent Committees.

Home Missions—Rev. Hugh Jack, Peoria.

Ministerial Relief—Rev. T. D. Acheson, Lewistown.

Foreign Missions—Rev. B. Y. George, Elmwood.

Educational and Aid—Rev. A. M. Little, Peoria.

Sunday School Work and Young People's Societies—Rev. A. M. Little, Peoria.

Church Erection—Rev. J. G. Lowrie, Ipava.

Sabbath Observance and Temperance—Rev. B. Y. George, Elmwood.

Systematic Beneficence—Rev. J. G. Lowrie, Ipava.

Publication and American Bible and Tract Societies—Rev. Thos. Martin, Speer.

History and Biography—Rev. A. R. Mathes, Knoxville.

Narrative and Evangelistic Work—Rev. John Weston, Peoria.

Ministers Received in 1908—R. B. Wilson, Flint, January 28; M. B. Wiles, Chicago, December 16; W. B. Smith, Rock River, September 16.

Ministers Dismissed in 1908—A. A. Randall, LaCrosse, December 2, 1907; Benj. Thomas, LaCrosse, April 22; W. J. Manifold, Wanatchee; R. S. Strain, Des Moines, September 15.

Installed—R. B. Wilson, Salem and Limestone, February 4; M. B. Wiles, Princeville, September 24.

Pastorates Dissolved—A. A. Randall, Princeville, December 2, 1907; Benj. Thomas, Prospect, April 22; R. S. Strain, Oneida, September 15; W. I. Alexander, Elmira, September 16.

Candidates—Oscar Nelson, Ipava; Herrick Lee Todd, Peoria, Bethel; Ethan Allen, Snively.

Stated Meetings—Third Tuesday in April and September.

Name and Address of Stated Clerk—Isaac A. Cornelison, Washington, Ill.

10—ROCK RIVER.

Rock River Presbytery consists of the ministers and churches in the Counties of Whiteside, Rock Island, Mercer, Henry, Bureau and such portion of Lee as lies west of the third principal meridian, and the minister and church of Alexis in Warren County.

Chairman of Permanent Committees.

Home Missions—Rev. C. G. Richards, Sterling.

Foreign Missions—Rev. W. S. Marquis, Rock Island.

Education—Rev. Henry Cullen, Milan.
Sunday School Work—Rev. J. L. Henning, Edington.
Church Erection—Rev. Philip Palmer, Seaton.
Relief—Rev. R. E. Fleming, Alexis.
Freedmen—Rev. L. F. Cooper, Hamlet.
Aid for Colleges—Rev. F. A. Smiley, Geneseo.
Systematic Beneficence—Rev. W. C. Crofts, Morrison.
Narrative—Rev. N. W. Thornton, Keithsburg.
Young People's Societies—Rev. Wm. P. Hosken, Princeton.
Evangelistic Work—Rev. S. S. Cryor, Dixon.
American Bible Society—Rev. Chas. S. West, Ladd.
Temperance—Rev. Marion Humphreys, Rock Island.
Pastoral Relation—Rev. W. S. Marquis, Rock Island.
Presbyterian Brotherhood—Rev. Chas. E. Fisk, Viola.

Ministers Received—Wm. P. Hosken, from Presbytery of Cairo, November 13, 1907; J. T. Wyllie, Dubuque, April 14, 1908; Philip Palmer, Iowa City, April 14, 1908; Finis F. Cooper, Ottawa, April 14, 1908.

Ministers Dismissed—Carey F. Moore, to Presbytery of Lexington (Southern Church), January 7, 1908; J. M. Tidball, Ottawa, April 14, 1908; J. T. Fulton, St. Paul, July 14, 1908; W. O. Talbot, Springfield, July 14, 1908; W. B. Smith, Peoria, September 8, 1908; H. B. Allen, Hastings, September 8, 1908; E. L. Combs, Neosho, September 14, 1908.

Minister Ordained—A. H. Zeimer, May 14, 1908, at Fulton.

Installations—Wm. P. Hosken, Princeton, November 13, 1907; A. H. Zeimer, Fulton, May 14, 1908; Philip Palmer, Seaton, April 28, 1908.

Pastorates Dissolved—Cary F. Moore, Fulton, January 7, 1908; J. T. Fulton, Alexis, July 14, 1908; H. B. Allen, Aledo, September 8, 1908; E. L. Combs, Joy and Peniel, September 14, 1908.

Minister Deceased—E. C. Sickels, September 4, 8 p.m., 1908.

Stated Meetings—Second Tuesday in April and September.

Name and Address of Stated Clerk—Rev. N. W. Thornton, Keithsburg, Illinois.

11—RUSHVILLE.

Rushville Presbytery (formerly named Schuyler) consists of the ministers and churches in the Counties of Henderson, Hancock, Adams, Pike, Brown, Schuyler, McDonough and Warren, except the minister and church of Alexis.

Chairman of Permanent Committees.

Home Missions—Rev. E. M. Clingan, Quincy.
Foreign Missions—Rev. W. R. King, Monmouth.
Sunday Schools—Rev. J. M. Thompson, Macomb.
Church Erection—Rev. G. T. Griscell, Biggsville.
Freedmen—Rev. J. C. Francis, Prairie City.
Education—Rev. H. F. Reid, Macomb.
Colleges—Rev. A. A. Pratt, Bardolph.
Ministerial Relief—Rev. W. A. Hutchison, Augusta.

Systematic Beneficence—Mr. C. B. Griffith, Rushville.
Temperance and Sabbath—Rev. A. T. Huber, Macomb.
Young People's Societies—Rev. C. E. Alexander, Bushnell.
Bibles and Tracts—Rev. E. H. Broyles, Mt. Sterling.
Brotherhood—Rev. S. R. Boyd, Kirkwood.
Narrative—Rev. W. T. Reynolds, Camp Point.
Evangelistic—Rev. J. F. Young, Carthage.
Ministers Received—H. W. Stillman, Waterloo, October 23, 1907; H. Nelson Hall, Duluth, April 14, 1908; Chas. F. Wilson, Alton, April 14, 1908; J. C. Francis, Washington, April 14, 1908; E. H. Broyles, Tulsa, April 25, 1908; T. M. Gossard, Cairo, May 22, 1908; F. J. Claycomb, Transylvania; D. T. McClelland, San Jose, May 22, 1908; John R. Vance, Peoria; A. G. Martyn, Dubuque.
Ministers Dismissed—Benjamin Berryhill, Mattoon, April 14, 1908; T. R. Good, Denver, October 23, 1907; R. B. Fisher, Chicago, October 23, 1907; A. F. Wittenberger, Pueblo, December 17, 1907.
Licentiate—F. A. Johnson, October, 1908, to Crawfordsville.
Installed—H. Frank Reid, Camp Creek, December 17, 1907; H. W. Stillman, Elvaston, October 23, 1907; E. V. Headen, Good Hope, November 26, 1907; A. A. Pratt, Bardolph, May 12, 1908; C. F. Wilson, Oquawka, May 14, 1908.
Pastorates Dissolved—T. R. Good, Mt. Sterling, October 23, 1907.
Ministers Deceased—Fordyce Storar, June 11, 1908, aged 72 years; Smith Harris Hyde, D.D., October 4, 1908, aged 74 years.
Church Dismissed—Salem, German, to Galena Presbytery.
Candidates—Everett Gastenan, Mt. Carmel; Homer M. Campbell, Monmouth; O. W. Pratt, Bardolph.
Stated Meetings—Second Tuesday of April and September.
Name and Address of Stated Clerk—Rev. A. F. Ernst, Macomb, Ill.

12—SPRINGFIELD.

Springfield Presbytery consists of the ministers and churches in the Counties of Cass, Menard, Macon, Sangamon, Morgan, Scott, and such portion of Christian as lies west of third principal meridian, and such portions of Logan and Mason as lie south of the line between Townships 20 and 21, north, and the church and minister of Cisco in Piatt.

Chairman of Permanent Committees.

Home Missions—Rev. W. H. Penhallegon, Decatur.
Foreign Missions—Rev. O. A. Smith, Lincoln.
Education—Rev. J. W. Johnston, Petersburg.
Freedmen—Rev. W. S. Gibson, Winchester.
College Board—Rev. A. P. Higley, Springfield.
Systematic Beneficence—Rev. E. M. Dill, Mason City.
Church Erection—Rev. Jas. E. Foster, Orleans.
Ministerial Relief—Rev. J. W. Elder, Argenta.
Sabbath School Work—Rev. J. W. McDonald, Decatur.

Young People's Societies—Rev. C. E. Campbell, Taylorville.

Temperance—Rev. M. C. Cockrum, Decatur.

Bible Society—Rev. E. P. Rankin, Morrisonville.

Tract Society—Rev. E. C. Pires, Divernon.

Brotherhood—Mr. A. R. Taylor, Decatur.

Ministers Received—O. A. Smith, Buffalo, December 4, 1907; A. N. Moore, Peoria, December 4, 1907; L. H. Davis, Grand Rapids, January 17, 1908; P. J. Marsilje, El Reno, April 14, 1908; J. J. Wilson, Madison, June 8, 1908; L. J. Hawkins, Ewing, June 8, 1908; J. W. Eltzholtz, St. Louis, June 8, 1908; H. D. Onyett, Indiana, June 8, 1908; F. A. Geisenheimer, Corning, September 16, 1908; W. O. Talbott, Rock River, September 16, 1908; Frank H. Given, Cincinnati, September 16, 1908; Earl R. North, Winnebago, September 16, 1908; Geo. J. E. Richards, Ewing, September 16, 1908; Geo. A. Wilson, Ewing, September 16, 1908.

Ministers Dismissed—Roger F. Cressey, Alton, December 23, 1907; J. L. Wyatt, Indiana, January 17, 1908; John G. Wozencraft, Logansport, January 17, 1908; Geo. C. Lenington, Classis of New York, Reformed Church in America, January 17, 1908; Charles Eames, North China, February 4, 1908; J. E. Rogers, Milwaukee, April 15, 1908; E. P. Loose, Milwaukee, April 15, 1908; W. G. Archer, Indiana, June 8, 1908; Paul Heiligman, Bloomington, September 16, 1908; J. E. Ennis, Bloomington, September 16, 1908; H. G. McVicker, Ardmore, September 16, 1908.

Minister Ordained—Hardy D. Trickey, September 22, 1908.

Installed—O. A. Smith, Lincoln, First, December 4, 1907; A. N. Moore, Lincoln Hill, December 5, 1907; L. H. Davis, Jacksonville, Westminster, January 28, 1908; A. P. Higley, Springfield, Second, March 9, 1908; W. N. Conoley, Middletown, March 17, 1908; J. J. Wilson, Virginia, July 2, 1908; E. R. North, Mason City, October 6, 1908; W. O. Talbot, Farmingdale, October 7, 1908.

Pastorates Dissolved—R. F. Cressey, Jacksonville, Portuguese, December 23, 1907; G. C. Lenington, Virginia, January 17, 1908; E. M. Steen, Farmingdale, February 4, 1908; J. E. Rogers, Springfield, Third, April 15, 1908; D. G. Carson, North Sangamon, April 15, 1908; E. M. Dill, Mason City, June 8, 1908; W. N. Conoley, Middletown, September 16, 1908.

Ministers Deceased—S. A. Glasgow, May 26, 1908.

Church Organized—Springfield, Fifth, May 17, 1908, 48 members.

Licentiates—G. W. McDivett, Smyrna; Edgar S. Hill, W. R. Cremeans, W. Lin Hurie, Rock Creek; W. A. Friedinger, Springfield, First; H. D. Trickey, Winchester; Candidates, Geo. White, Unity; H. A. McKean, John Lyons, Decatur, First; Bird New, Edgar Smith, Mt. Zion; Wm. A. Conel, Decatur A.

Stated Meetings—April, second Tuesday, 7.30 p.m.; September, third Tuesday, 7.30 p.m.

Name and Address of Stated Clerk—John Boden, Petersburg.

V. SUMMARY OF STATISTICS OF THE SYNOD OF ILLINOIS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 1, 1908.

PRESBYTERY.	Ministers Received.	Ministers Dismissed and Dropped.	Ministers Deceased.	Installations.	Ordinations.	Pastorates Dissolved.	Licentiates.	Candidates.	Whole Number of Ministers.	Churches Disbanded and Dismissed.	Churches Organized and Received.	Church Edifices Built.	Manses Acquired.	Churches with Pastors and P. E.	Churches with Supplies.	Churches Vacant.	Whole Number of Churches.	Whole Number of Members.	Whole Number of S. S. Members.	STATED CLERKS.
Alton	9	8	1	2	...	4	...	5	49	...	...	1	...	25	23	16	64	6,869	7,983	Walter H. Bradley
Bloomington	6	10	4	2	...	4	...	4	59	2	...	...	...	38	16	14	68	10,580	8,786	Geo. R. Smith
Cairo	7	3	2	2	1	3	...	...	27	...	3	3	2	10	17	17	44	3,438	2,647	Daniel Breeze
Chicago	21	20	1	10	7	12	5	26	182	...	2	4	...	73	16	10	99	28,487	31,567	James Frothingham
Ewing	7	9	...	3	1	4	...	1	25	1	...	...	...	9	20	15	44	3,538	3,352	John B. Pomeroy
Freeport	2	2	...	3	...	1	...	2	31	...	...	...	...	19	4	4	27	5,112	4,144	John Henry Boose
Mattoon	8	8	2	2	...	...	...	2	43	...	2	...	...	16	37	8	61	6,128	5,139	John H. Tracy
Ottawa	3	2	...	1	...	2	2	...	28	...	...	1	1	18	5	5	28	4,385	3,808	John S. Martin
Peoria	3	4	...	2	...	4	...	3	39	...	...	...	...	25	3	13	41	6,589	5,627	L. A. Cornelison
Rock River	4	7	1	3	1	4	...	...	30	...	...	...	...	22	7	8	37	5,541	4,995	N. W. Thornton
Rushville	10	4	2	5	...	1	...	3	47	1	...	...	...	15	24	10	49	6,709	5,729	A. F. Ernst
Springfield	14	11	1	8	1	...	6	6	66	...	1	...	...	19	44	...	63	9,838	8,021	John Boden
Total	94	88	14	43	11	39	13	52	626	4	8	9	3	289	216	120	625	97,214	91,798	

VI.—TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S SYNODICAL SOCIETY OF HOME MISSIONS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN ILLINOIS

October, the month of all the year when nature pours forth her richest and best harvest, brings the women of the Church together to offer heart-songs of thanksgiving for the blessings which have been showered upon them, and to render an account of their gifts, during the past year, for the building up of Christ's kingdom on earth.

At the annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, Miss Lincoln reported the largest receipts in the history of the Board—$521,-032.12, of which $73,525.22 was paid over to the Freedmen's Board.

Our work has been strengthened by the union with the Cumberland Woman's Board, and, notwithstanding a year of depression and high prices, we were able to meet every obligation, not only for school work, but for all the evangelistic work, which has been assumed, as well.

Plans for the year place before us the growing importance of some methods already in use, and some yet to be tried.

The more general organization of *study classes,* the *payment of all pledges in full,* special contributions to the *Building and Repair Fund,* the one dollar from each local society for the *Emergency Fund,* the stimulating of *Bands* and *Young People's Societies* and larger work *among our foreign-speaking people*—all have a familiar sound. Let us realize anew that these calls come to us again and again because of their growing importance.

We welcome this year a charming and able assistant in the *Westminster Guild,* a new organization for young women who seek to do the Master's will.

A *Synodical Thank Offering* has been suggested, hoping the many individuals and auxiliary societies will feel it a privilege to send to this annual meeting, with their prayers, a gift of money.

"We are left without excuse, if with greater blessings than were enjoyed by believers in Old Testament times, our thankfulness is less than theirs."

Illinois specials for the present year are as follows:

$1,000 for Camp Mission, Utah—Bloomington Presbyterial.

$1,000 for Marshall Field, N. C.—Chicago Presbyterial.

$500 for New Jersey Academy, Logan, Utah—Chicago Presbyterial.

$500 for Tuscon School, Arizona—Chicago Presbyterial.

$1,500 for Mary Gregory Memorial, Anadarko, Okla., as follows: Alton, $250; Cairo, $150; Freeport, $150; Peoria, $200; Ottawa, $50; Rock River, $300; Rushville, $200; Springfield, $200.

$700 for Asheville Farm School, N. C., as follows: Ottawa, $300; Ewing, $200; Rushville, $200.

$500 for Building and Repair Fund, Anadarko, Okla., as follows: Alton, $20; Bloomington, $50; Cairo, $20; Chicago, $150; Ewing, $20; Freeport,

$20; Mattoon, $40; Ottawa, $20; Peoria, $50; Rock River, $35; Rushville, $40; Springfield, $35.

$125 for Pittsburgh scholarship for Slavic student, as follows: Alton, $9; Bloomington, $16; Cairo, $5; Ewing, $5; Freeport, $13; Mattoon, $13; Ottawa, $9; Peoria, $16; Rock River, $12; Rushville, $12; Springfield, $15.

$500 for Bell Institute, Walnut, N. C., as follows: Alton, $25; Bloomington, $75; Cairo, $25; Chicago, $100; Ewing, $25; Freeport, $20; Mattoon, $50; Ottawa, $20; Peoria, $45; Rock River, $25; Rushville, $45; Springfield, $45.

The Christian Endeavor Societies have the support of the superintendent of the hospital at San Juan, Porto Rico; the Intermediate C. E.'s, the support of Miss Clara E. Espey, Sancti Spiritus, Cuba; the Junior C. E.'s, Endeavor Hall, San Juan, Porto Rico; Bands, the Sitka Training School, Alaska; and the Westminster Guild, Haines Hospital, Alaska.

The Sunday school Thanksgiving offering will go toward support of San Juan Hospital.

The presbyterial reports bring word of earnest effort, grit and perseverance from all our twelve Presbyteries.

Alton had a "splendid" meeting last spring. They still continue their Roll of Honor, which at present bears the names of fourteen societies.

Bloomington reports "substantial increase over last year's receipts" and growth in numbers in nearly every society. The "elect ladies" of Chenoa surely deserve honorable mention, for, in spite of an epidemic of both scarlet fever and smallpox, and the fact that all public meetings were forbidden in the town, they added to both membership and financial gifts.

Cairo's Secretary writes that "societies seem ambitious to make the fifteen per cent increase over the pledged amount, and we hope for larger things this year."

Chicago enjoyed a good presbyterial meeting—helpful in every way. Interest in work among the foreign-speaking people of the city is growing—the importance of it more immense each day. Two Cumberland societies, two new auxiliaries and four new bands have been added to the roll.

Ewing—Interest on the increase as the women grow more and more familiar with the work.

Freeport—Gifts larger than at this time last year; the officers are trying to impress upon societies the need of sending in money quarterly. Interest is growing, and they had a helpful presbyterial meeting.

Mattoon—The Secretary writes: "We went to our annual feast with full hearts—hearts full of gratitude, thanksgiving and joy, because we more than reached our apportionment and made quite an advance in gifts. We were greatly helped by a fine address given by Miss Edith Hughes, Secretary of the Board of the Southwest. With thankful hearts for the measure of success given, and prayerful courage that the coming year may grant still more abundant results, we go forward, in His name."

Ottawa—"There are a couple of weeks still before the end of the quarter, but now we are $60 ahead of the end of the second quarter of last year," writes Miss Deffenbaugh. "We gave the fifteen per cent increase

last year, and are working on that basis for this. Societies are doing much better this year."

Peoria sends this word: "Our presbyterial meeting was thought by many to be the best in our history. Our watchword, 'Prayer,' and our motto, 'Strive together in prayer,' are well worth our constant effort, since so much is wrought in this world through prayer."

A very important presbyterial action was the appointing of a meeting in Peoria, accepting the invitation of the Second Church, to be held in the autumn, for one day only; a midyear gathering of members of the auxiliaries, unlimited delegation, each woman to provide her own lunch; women from other Presbyteries to be invited to address us on important subjects."

Rock River held a very inspiring presbyterial meeting last spring and has advanced in gifts and interest. While there seems to be nothing new to report, good, all-round service has been given, and "we feel encouraged."

Rushville sent in her usual good report last spring, and is busy as ever in the Lord's work.

Springfield rejoices in several additional societies—some from the Cumberland and two gained through the readjustment of the bounds of the Presbytery. A good spring meeting, marred only by the absence, because of illness, of their beloved President, Mrs. Wells.

As reports come in, the universal cry is, "I wish I could report more progress—larger gifts." My friends, let us not forget the large value of a constant increase, though that increase be small each year.

"Here a little, and there a little," gives us in this Synod an enrollment of 362 Women's Societies, with 9,145 members; a record of 2,564 meetings; 54 Young Women's Societies and Bands; 92 contributing Sunday schools and 42 Mission Study classes.

Our gifts were as follows:

Woman's Societies	$22,855.87
Young Women's Societies and Bands	1,053.34
Sunday schools	1,133.85
Y. P. S. C. E.	1,853.96
Jr. Y. P. S. C. E.	240.87
Other sources	3,876.50
Total	$31,024.39

Of this, $5,234.76 was for Freedmen's work; $1,752.22 additional was reported in Contingent Fund.

The Silver Offering, marking the twenty-fifth milestone in the history of our synodical society, fell somewhat short of the $500 necessary for the equipment of the school building at Mayaguez, Porto Rico, when reports were sent in last spring, but by this time the full amount has been raised, and we rejoice that we are able to help build this "house by the side of the road" in Porto Rico.

This has been a busy year, and we hope something has been accomplished

for the Master. The progress at times has seemed slow, but in looking back to the beginning we can see that advancement has been made. The coming year lies before us. Let us *make it count* for even more than the one just past, for

"Thus it behooves us each to do our duty well,
Our lives to live as seeing Him who is invisible;
For in the future, somewhere in the great unknown,
We shall in that great sphere live once again;
Nor count the cost, suffice it, we know when
The harvest comes we'll reap as we have sown."

Respectfully submitted,
FANNY F. CLELAND, *Secretary.*

VII.—SYNODICAL COMMITTEE

1908-1909.

Alton Presbytery—
Mrs. S. L. Trumbull ..... Alton
Mrs. William Barnard ..... Chester
Mrs. W. E. Archibald ..... East St. Louis

Bloomington Presbytery—
Mrs. E. W. Alvord ..... Bement
Mrs. C. A. Pierce ..... Leroy
Mrs. F. W. Hawley ..... Bloomington

Cairo Presbytery—
Mrs. Daniel Breeze ..... Shawneetown
Mrs. C. H. Wiley ..... Anna
Mrs. E. S. Dewey ..... Cairo

Chicago Presbytery—
Mrs. W. C. Craig ..... Chicago
Mrs. J. W. Helmer ..... Chicago
Mrs. W. H. Goodinson ..... Chicago
Mrs. E. H. Curtis ..... Chicago

Ewing Presbytery—
Mrs. W. C. Smith ..... Carmi
Mrs. J. O. Amos ..... Fairfield
Mrs. A. E. Shinn ..... Flora

Freeport Presbytery—
Miss Anna Felt ..... Galena
Miss Agnes McMichael ..... Caledonia
Mrs. H. L. Moore ..... Freeport

Mattoon Presbytery—
Mrs. J. A. Piper ..... Charleston
Mrs. G. D. Jerauld ..... Vandalia
Mrs. W. J. Hunter ..... Paris

Ottawa Presbytery—
Mrs. D. K. Campbell ..... Ottawa
Mrs. J. D. McCaughtery ..... Streator
Mrs. H. A. Martin ..... Rochelle

Peoria Presbytery—
Mrs. Robt. C. Grier ..... Peoria
Mrs. B. Y. George ..... Elmwood
Mrs. I. O. Loughridge ..... Peoria

Rock River Presbytery—
Mrs. W. S. Marquis ..... Rock Island
Mrs. R. E. Robinson ..... Albany
Mrs. J. M. Wallace ..... Aledo

Rushville Presbytery—
Mrs. W. R. King ..... Monmouth
Mrs. M. P. Ormsby ..... Hamilton
Mrs. J. Frank Young ..... Carthage

Springfield Presbytery—
Mrs. Clinton Conkling ..... Springfield
Mrs. B. H. Brainerd ..... Lincoln
Mrs. C. C. Brown ..... Springfield

VIII. OFFICERS OF SYNODICAL SOCIETY OF HOME MISSIONS, 1908-1909

President—Mrs. Charles W. Robinson, Bloomington.

Vice Presidents—Mrs. A. R. Taylor, Decatur; Mrs. Wm. H. Dean, Chicago; Mrs. E. C. Ely, Peoria; Mrs. H. R. Taylor, Springfield; Mrs. N. S. Bergen, Lincoln; Mrs. J. E. Bangs, Chicago.

Corresponding Secretaries—Miss Fanny F. Cleland, 539 Twentieth St., Rock Island; Mrs. A. H. Stephens, 508 Evanston Ave., Chicago.

Recording Secretary and Treasurer Contingent Fund—Miss Francis I. Perry, Bloomington.

Secretary of Literature—Miss E. B. Griffith, Rushville.

Secretary Young People's Work—Miss Gertrude Skinner, DuQuoin.

Secretary of Freedmen Department—Mrs. J. T. Foster, Washington.

Secretary of Westminster Guilds—Miss Dorothy Rathbone Fuller, Evanston.

SUMMARY FOR 1908.

Number of societies	362
Number of members	9,145
Number of meetings held	2,564
Number of Young Women's Societies and Bands	54
Number of Sunday schools contributing	92
Number of Home Mission Study Classes	42
Copies of "H. M. M." taken	2,193
Copies of "O. S. and L." taken	1,211
Amount from societies	$22,865.87
Amount from Young Women's Societies and Bands	1,053.34
Amount from Sunday schools	1,133.85
Amount from Y. P. S. or Y. P. S. C. E.	1,853.96

Amount from Junior C. E.	240.87
Other sources	3,876.50
Total	$31,024.39
How much of this amount for Freedmen	5,234.76
Contingent Fund	1,752.22
Chicago (from other sources included)	$ 3,382.00
Bloomington (from other sources included)	494.50
	$ 3,876.50
	27,147.89—$31,024.39

IX.—REPORT OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS, SYNOD OF ILLINOIS, OCTOBER, 1908

The year's record is quite similar to those which have been made in former years. "Change" does not seem to be a prominent feature of this department, and the report has little opportunity to vary in its nature from year to year.

A falling off here and a gain there—then a gain here and a falling off there keeps our Young People's work about the same; but in all business enterprises it is necessary to take an invoice once a year, to hear the reports of those having a business in charge, so we bring to your this "summing up" of what we have accomplished.

Thirty-three new societies are reported against 11 disbanded, which adds to our circle a goodly number of new workers.

Not as many societies reported this year as last, so our statistics cannot be as full as usual.

About once in so often local secretaries, with one accord, seem minded to rest from their labors when it comes to filling out blanks for reports. Why this should be so I cannot explain. Doubtless their high regard for the Presbyterial Secretary leads them to feel that "she knows all about it, anyway, so why tell more? I told her that last year"—all of which makes it rather hard for the Presbyterial Secretary to send in a good report.

With few exceptions our societies have special missionary committees and hold monthly meetings. Forty-one missionary lectures were delivered under the auspices of our young people and twenty-one study classes are reported.

543 systematic givers, 127 "Tenth Legioners" and 463 "two-cents-a-week givers" mark an advance over last year's record.

About 200 observe the daily "quiet hour" and circle the work and workers with all-prevailing prayer.

Presbyterial secretaries, as a rule, report that interest is good, and there seems to be a desire to keep in closer touch with our own Presby-

terian work. A number of magazines are taken, and many copies of the *Endeavor World* testify to a growing demand for knowledge.

The foregoing figures have to do with the work in the State outside of the bounds of Chicago Presbytery. Through some misfortune I have failed to receive the report of Chicago's Secretary.

The gift account (including Chicago's, as taken from the Board's Annual Report) is as follows:

Endeavor Societies	$ 4,609.13
Young Women's Societies and Bands	1,124.85
Total	$ 5,733.98

Numerous young people's hours in connection with presbyterial meetings last spring are spoken of as having added much to the interest. Rushville chose three topics: "Our Responsibility," "Our Opportunity" and "The Need—How to Meet It?" A large representation was present, and a very helpful conference was held.

The leading thought of Mattoon's hour was "The Master Wants You," and Miss Root reports "more young people present than in former years."

Miss Brown, of Springfield, felt encouraged by local reports given during their young people's hour, and also because of the increase in gifts.

Rock River enjoyed an address by Miss Sarver, of Chicago.

We read, in the papers, of a missionary mass meeting held by the young people of Chicago Presbytery not long since, which was expected to do much in the way of enthusing and interesting, and from which large things were hoped for. A number of suggestions have been gathered, and are presented with the hope that perhaps some may prove helpful. The first is a "Missionary Book Club," twelve members and twelve books which shall be read and passed on—change to be made each month.

A "Missionary Reading Circle," with each member pledged to read missionary literature one-half hour each day.

"Missionary Note Book" for clippings and small items of interest.

A "Rally Day," a "Guest Meeting," a "Shower for Our Missionary," "Post Cards," with program and place of meeting, sent out each month, in place of a printed program. "Contest for Faithful Attendance," with Hallowe'en supper for winners and summer picnic for losers. "An Evening of Testimonials" of American statesmen to the value and success of Foreign Missions" are hints as to small ways of adding interest to our meetings.

Mattoon looks forward to the great privilege and honor of adding a recruit to our missionary force. Miss Ethel O'Bannon, of Charleston, expects to go to the foreign field from this Presbytery.

Assumption Society reports one dollar per member raised for Foreign Missions, and to these young people belongs the honor of being first to reach the one-dollar mark.

When we compare our gifts with our membership, the per cent

per member is much smaller than it ought to be. The young people of Illinois are able to do larger things. Let us make a greater effort to increase our gifts, to make the coming year better than the one just passed. But, "remember, there can be no successful ingathering held without effort, and there can be no successful effort without much earnest prayer and enthusiasm." Respectfully submitted,

FANNY F. CLELAND, *Secretary.*

X.—REPORT OF WOMAN'S SYNODICAL SOCIETY FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

Service is, as you see, the watchword of our meeting. Emerson says, "Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm." Of necessity, work for our Master must be enthusiastic, emanating from a fervent, loving heart, and inspiring a stimulating influence, impelling others to go and to do. This is what gives strength for the daily task, and for its outcome, the victory.

In the service rendered by the various secretaries whose reports are herein condensed—alas! It is a delight to read between the lines that consecration, patience and perseverance that have accomplished such notable results in years past. Nine of the Presbyterial Societies have a place on the Honor Roll, namely, Alton, Chicago, Freeport, Mattoon, Ottawa, Peoria, Rock River, Rushville, Springfield—these having been heard from on time, and having given the information asked. From these statements we learn the following: Eight presbyterial societies gained in gifts last year—Alton, Cairo, Chicago, Mattoon, Ottawa, Peoria, Rock River and Springfield, and it is an unexpected pleasure to add that ten made decided advance during the summer months.

Eight gained in membership, but these figures are not always reliable.

Seven have added twenty-three auxiliaries, eight of these being newly organized, while the others come with their experience and zeal, and are welcome as fellow-helpers for the truth. Nine presbyterial societies report study classes; in some decided growth in number of organizations. Ewing, our new society, consists of twenty societies. Of the thirteen heard from this fall, eleven were banner societies. Their first contributions amount to $364.95, which is a good beginning.

There are various items deserving of special mention. Alton is proud of the good work done by their societies, and having been the first to inaugurate the Roll of Honor; the Secretary rejoices over the fourteen banner auxiliaries, which fulfilled all conditions. Chicago mentions Oak Park Second Church, in which every woman church member is also a contributing member of the Missionary Society. Chicago First, Second, Third and Fourth send monthly remittances; Evanston, Lake Forest, Chicago Second and Chicago Fourth gave over five hundred dollars each during the first six months of the year; and of the whole Presbytery, the Secretary writes that gifts increased each month during the summer.

Ottawa reports eight auxiliaries who paid their quarterly remittances on time. Ottawa is remarkable in that they have met all their pledges, given what was assigned as special, and contributed much more than fifteen per cent to increase in the general fund.

Peoria reports six auxiliaries on her Honor Roll and five others who missed by just one condition.

Both Peoria and Rushville feel encouraged at the growing sentiment for sending even dollars.

Rushville's special Honor Roll consists of five societies that have given more than $3 a member—two of them small country churches.

Another has increased its membership fifty per cent and multiplied its gifts four times. That is the society with all the modern improvements.

Springfield reports the largest number of study classes—twenty-one—and as a Presbytery is worthy of mention, as having undertaken the support of another missionary, as the Secretary writes, "One of us going from us to work for us."

A number of methods tried and proven have been kindly sent to me. For instance, Alton has a society which gives the monthly topic to a member with the privilege of working out her own program—no lack of variety there, surely. The society of Anna took charge of one prayer meeting in the pastor's absence, and it was a success of course. Ewing is one of those reporting birthday offerings. Peoria finds her "information sheets" helpful as well as the self-denial season between the May and June meetings. One interesting meeting is reported where the presbyterial officers were invited and given an opportunity to speak of their work.

Another time this same society had a guest meeting, where representatives of sister missionary societies were the speakers, and a lunch preceded the meeting.

Springfield tells of a wonderful bag sent by Lincoln Society to Dr. Mary Smith, a sister of their pastor. Springfield Second Church had a remarkable picnic in the park, attended by two hundred.

Veranda and twilight meetings as well as those held in the country sound attractive for summer months. One country society met every week until a special order for quilts was finished. Presbyterial meetings in the spring were all with one accord pronounced very good.

Peoria's midyear presbyterial meeting was an experiment, and a successful one, held in addition to those habitually planned for the fall. It was attended by thirty-six from outside the city, and the program was very attractive. Mrs. Brainerd, Mrs. Candor and Mrs. C. W. Robinson were the speakers.

Other missionaries who have been heard during the year by the various societies are: Miss Mary McDermid, Mexico; Mrs. Robert Irwin, Laos; Miss Given, India; Miss Ricketts, China; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ayers, Japan; and Mrs. Candor, South America.

The whole amount contributed by Illinois in the year ending April 1, 1908, is $47,614, a gain of $1,684. For the six months ending September

1 the amount is $10,285, a gain of $3,198 over the six months ending September, 1907.

Recording so many blessings of our past, "let us now carry forward," as Dr. Parkhurst puts it, "into our century the work Christ began in his; not only worshiping him on our knees, but working with him on our feet."

MRS. S. O. LOUGHRIDGE, *Corresponding Secretary.*

XI—LIST OF CHURCHES, NUMBER OF ELDERS AND CLERKS OF SESSIONS

PRESBYTERY OF ALTON.

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
9	Alton, First	S. R. McClure
6	Alton, 12th St.	C. E. Freeman
3	Baldwin	Wm. Wilson
4	Belleville	S. P. Hyde
3	Bethalto	Harry Duffy
5	Bethel	W. F. Dressor, Reno
4	Blair	B. M. Hawthorne
4	Brighton	W. H. Hart
3	Butler	Geo. W. Dryer
6	Carlinville	W. T. Brown
4	Carlyle	C. P. Norris
5	Carrollton	G. W. Davis
5	Chester	M. C. Crissey
7	Coffeen	B. F. Pierce
2	Collinsville	R. S. Reed
4	Donnellson	H. C. Hawkins
6	East St. Louis, 1st.	H. J. Buerki
3	East St. Louis, 2d.	W. M. Stewart
2	East St. Louis, Bond Ave.	W. E. Archibald, D.D.
3	East St. Louis, Winstanley Park	W. A. Flett
3	Ebenezer	J. W. Harry, Rockwood
6	Edwardsville	J. H. Glass
4	Girard	D. M. Foster
6	Granite City	J. C. Reintges
6	Greenfield	W. A. Saylor
10	Greenville	S. Curtis White
4	Hardin	Wm. M. Fisher
8	Hillsboro	J. O. Fisher
9	Irving	Baxter Williams
8	Jerseyville	Geo. H. Van Horne
1	Kampsville	C. P. Becker
1	Lebanon, Marshall Memorial	S. F. Flint
3	Liberty Prairie	H. G. Scheer, Edwardsville
7	Litchfield	J. R. Paisley
2	Madison	Louis Baer
3	Maple Grove	N. A. Hughey, Donnellson
4	Moro	A. H. Smith
4	Nokomis	Wm. Taylor
3	Palmyra	A. Allen
3	Raymond	Dr. W. H. Mercer
3	Rockwood	Sam P. Mann
3	Salem, German	Jacob Ratz, Bethalto, R. F. D.
5	Sorento	Imbert H. Denny
12	Sparta	James Gordon, Sr.
3	Spring Cove	H. B. Warner, Challacombe
5	Staunton	Harvey Stroud
2	Steeleville	J. M. Montgomery
2	Sugar Creek	E. Bryan, Trenton, R. F. D.
3	Summit Grove	D. S. H. Nevius, Kampsville
4	Trenton	Dr. A. W. Carter
3	Troy	Dr. F. M. Zanders
3	Unity	W. H. Steele, Rockwood
5	Upper Alton	Walter H. Bradley
7	Virden, First	J. M. Furry
1	Virden, North	W. L. Porter
2	Walnut Grove	H. D. Burruss, Carrollton, R. F. D.
1	Walnut Hill	J. J. Loney, Rockwood
4	Walshville	Layton Barlow
2	Waveland	J. A. Clotfelter, Hillsboro
6	White Hall	Charles Richert
3	Witt	Aaron Platt
3	Woodburn, German	Jacob Ratz, Bethalto, R. F. D.
	Yankeetown	John Anderson, Sr., Prairie du Rocher
2	Zion, German	Jacob Ratz, Bethalto, R. F. D.

BLOOMINGTON PRESBYTERY.

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
3	Allerton	A. C. Thullberry
	Alvin	C. A. Peterson
7	Bement	L. H. Alvord
7	Bloomington, First	W. T. Gray
11	Bloomington, 2d	C. C. Marquis
	Bethel	J. D. Prater, Humrick
4	Catlin	A. B. Church
2	Cerro Gordo	S. C. McKay
8	Champaign	Geo. W. Harwood
5	Chenoa	E. P. Holderness
3	Clarence	J. C. Smith, Rankin, R. F. D.
8	Clinton	W. B. Rundle
1	Colfax	Stephen Daniels
3	Cooksville	J. C. Wilson, Jr.
6	Danvers	John T. Ayers
9	Danville, First	C. T. Yeomans
3	Danville, 2d	John Coyle
8	Danville, Immanuel	A. L. Rice
6	Danville, Bethany	Wm. Kraul
6	Danville, Olivet	C. B. Simms
4	DeWitt	Asa Wilson
2	Downs	G. G. Dooley
	Elm Grove	J. E. Britton, Clinton, R. F. D.
5	El Paso	Geo. Shuman
6	Fairbury	Chas. Keck
3	Fairmount	A. J. Leitzbach
	Farmer City	
4	Georgetown	Allen Golden
9	Gibson City	O. H. Damon
4	Gilman	Henry Harris
6	Heyworth	A. V. Hageman
3	Highland	Ernest Guthrie, Hastings
4	Homer	J. G. White
8	Hoopeston	M. A. Boardman
3	Jersey	John Odell, Fisher, R. F. D.
8	Leroy	Frank Dolly
8	Lexington	W. R. Mahan
	Liberty	
4	Mahomet	J. W. Herriott, Jr.
4	Mansfield	E. S. Cunningham
3	Midland City	A. C. Jones
6	Monticello	C. J. Baer
4	Mt. Carmel	Walter Nichols, Leroy, R. F. D.
3	Mt. Pisgah	Luther Glick, Georgetown
6	Mt. Pleasant	Thos. Glenn, Stanford, R. F. D.
6	Normal	A. E. Stout
	Olive Branch	
7	Onarga	H. M. Wilcox
4	Paxton	Ed Given
6	Philo	S. S. Love,
4	Pleasant Ridge	G. H. Taylor, Fairmount
8	Piper City, 1st	W. O. McKinney
3	Piper City, 2d	Jacob Ehresman, Roberts, R. F. D.
3	Prairie View	J. H. Noble, Savoy, R. F. D.
4	Rankin	J. S. Hewins
10	Ridgefarm	J. C. Jones
6	Rossville	Geo. Maury
4	Sheldon	R. Ross
	Selma	
5	Sidney	C. T. Helm
	Sheridan	J. A. Jackson, Sidell
6	Tolono	T. M. Salisbury
2	Towanda	G. W. Peterson
9	Urbana	Prof. T. A. Clark
6	Watseka	L. B. Segur
5	Waynesville	W. H. Finfrock
6	Wellington	W. V. Doan
	Yankee Point	John Fortune, Ridgefarm

PRESBYTERY OF CAIRO.

5	Anna	Dr. F. A. Sabin
6	Ava	Matt Wright
2	Bethlehem	Geo. Walter, Brownfield
	Broughton	Roy Summers
5	Cairo	M. Easterday
4	Campbell Hill	J. M. Hanna
8	Carbondale	J. M. Johnson
4	Carterville	H. M. Richart
2	Central	W. Jenkins, Crossville
5	Cobden	H. A. DuBois
2	Concord	Mrs. E. Rose, Vienna, R. D. 3
2	County Line	Mrs. L. Kerley, Flatswood
	Cora City	G. F. Rea
2	Eldorado	H. W. Wilson
5	Equality	T. A. Davis
5	Galatia	John Dudley
4	Golconda	D. G. Thompson
2	Good Hope	John Reiner, Karber's Ridge
2	Grand Tower	J. W. Davis
5	Harrisburg	W. P. Hallock
3	Herrin	R. S. Yuill
2	Latham Springs	P. Y. Veach, Vienna

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
1	Liberty	Gilbert Barnett, Buncombe
4	Metropolis	C. P. Treat
2	Mt. Hebron	Jeff Coleman, Oakville
3	Mt. Pleasant	W. F. Rumage, Marion
2	Mt. Sterling	M. K. Bennett, Unionville
8	Murphysboro	J. J. Pierson
	Marion	Henry Bantz
	New Hope	Ernest Gibson, Goreville
	New Liberty	G. W. Whiteside, Eddyville
6	New Prospect	Chas Rhine, Eldorado
3	New Haven	F. M. Davis
4	Oak Grove	J. B. Hale, Cottonwood
	Old Home	Mrs. M. I. Rumsey, Eddyville
	Palestine	H. P. Blackard, Omaha
5	Pisgah	J. W. Rogers, Junction
3	Pleasant Grove	Z. W. Young, Eldorado
	Pleasant Hill	Mrs. Mary S. Barger, Eddyville
3	Providence	A. J. Arnold, Stone Fort
5	Ridgeway	R. G. Hemphill

PRESBYTERY OF CHICAGO.

3	Arlington Heights	S. E. Pate
11	Austin	Wm. A. Dean
6	Avondale	Axel P. Paulsen
12	Belden Ave	J. W. McLean
5	Berwyn	A. J. Dunham
5	Bethany	Adam Spears
2	Braidwood	A. A. Pawling
3	Brighton Park	R. Collinge
9	Brookline	Peter Storms
4	Buckingham	H. S. Randall
5	Buena Memorial	A. Stevenson
5	Cabery	W. R. Watts
6	Calvary	J. B. Kerr
7	Campbell Park	H. W. Allen
6	Central Park	Briggs G. Fay
12	Chicago, First	H. H. Munger
11	" Second	Henry M. Ralston
26	" Third	C. A. Stone
8	" Fourth	Wm. M. Smith
9	" Sixth	Warton Platner
6	" Seventh	Edgar O. Burton
9	" Eighth	F. W. Main
5	" Ninth	J. F. Yoerun
6	" Tenth	W. Groundwater
4	" Eleventh	James Shedden
11	" 41rst St.	W. L. Moss
6	" 52d Ave	M. M. Johnstone
3	" Lawn	R. C. Marquis
4	" Heights	J. F. Caskey
8	Christ	H. E. Snyder
9	Covenant	Edw. A. Halsey
9	Crerar Memorial	J. H. Kinney
2	Deerfield	C. J. Davis
7	Drexel Park	J. W. Lunt
5	Du Page	Geo. C. Boardman
8	Edgewater	E. J. Holden
4	Elwood	Wm. F. Keith
6	Emerald Ave	Alex. McDougall
4	Endeavor	A. B. Roer
12	Englewood	J. Strachan
14	Evanston, First	Wm. P. Turner
6	Evanston, Second	J. W. Griffin
2	Faith	R. W. Olmstead
7	Fullerton Ave	Robt. Koehler
4	Gardner	Winfield S. Allison
4	Garfield Boul.	J. L. S. Hall
3	Grace	Stuart D. Fowler
3	Harvey	Joel E. Field
4	Herscher	J. A. Fitterley
6	Highland Park	R. W. Patton
4	Hinsdale	T. W. Sweezey
3	Homewood	Wm. Cone
4	Hope	T. M. Brumfield
14	Hyde Park	A. H. Rugg
6	Immanuel	G. S. McConnell
1	Itasca	Edwin O. Nichols
2	Italian	Filippo Grilli
11	Jefferson Park	J. F. Keeber
12	Joliet, Central	E. Puddicomb
9	Joliet, First	F. E. Marsh
4	Joliet, Second	A. Van Fleet
4	Joliet, Willow Ave	A. S. Patterson
9	Kankakee	H. M. Stone
6	LaGrange	G. H. Bremner
9	Lake Forest	A. C. Haven
4	Lake View	C. M. Williams
3	Libertyville	A. M. Casey
2	Logan Square	Arthur Stott
5	Manteno	Edw. W. Hume
3	Marlboro	C. W. Stewart
6	Maywood	J. A. Blakie
5	Millard Ave.	R. H. Ewing
5	Morgan Park	R. B. Thomson
4	New Hope	James Ross, Coal City
9	Normal Park	J. K. Brittain

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
9	Oak Park	L. A. Bowman
6	Oak Park, Second	Wm. H. Watt
4	Olivet Memorial	A. L. Rowe
4	Onward	Jno. J. Burrows
6	Peotone	H. P. Yung
4	Providence	W. T. Aldrich
4	Pullman	C. F. Swingle
6	Ravenswood	R. E. Cope
6	Ridgway Ave	J. F. Heinz
5	River Forest	W. B. Downs
3	Riverside	C. B. Beach
4	Roseland	John Madderom
6	Roseland, Central	P. S. Sutcliffe
3	Scotch Westminster	Alex. Eunson
2	S. Chicago	Geo. H. Paine
5	So. Park	E. S. Stewart
3	So. Waukegan	H. M. Henry
7	St. Anne	E. C. Corkins
3	Waukegan	Jas. D. Skene
4	W. Division St	
4	Windsor Park	R. Kershaw
5	Wilmington	W. A. Pawling
12	Woodland Park	M. M. Jones
3	Zion	Emil Sigwalt, Wheeling

PRESBYTERY OF EWING.

8	Albion	C. S. Stewart
6	Bridgeport	C. H. Martin
	Burnt Prairie	Jas. Morrison
3	Calvin	Wm. C. Frost, Crossville
5	Carmi	C. S. Conger
8	Centralia	Dr. H. D. Buck
	Crossville	J. E. Frazier
2	Du Quoin	L. S. Smith
3	Elm River	E. R. McCracken, Jeffersonville
4	Enfield	J. E. Willis
4	Fairfield	John Keen, Jr.
6	Flora	S. C. Dayton
3	Friendsville	B. W. Lucas, Mt. Carmel, R. F. D. 1
8	Galum	F. P. Anderson, Pinckneyville
2	Gilead	Porter Craig, Sumner
4	Good Hope	A. A. Southward, Kinmundy
5	Grayville	W. J. Seil
3	Kell	M. C. Kell
3	Kinmundy	D. C. Beaver
3	Lawrenceville	F. W. Kellar
3	Liberty	Lewis Stein, Grayville
4	McLeansboro	J. M. Weldin
7	Mt. Carmel	J. B. Maxwell
4	Mt. Olivet	Wm. Eberhart, Dundas
3	Mt. Nebo	J. W. Sullivan, Bonnie
6	Mt. Vernon	L. Irons
	Mt. Oval	Gus Morris, Gossett
	Mt. Olive	G. W. Smith, Omaha
3	Nashville	J. M. Hassinger
4	New Bethel	L. E. Brubaker, Salem
3	Norris City	A. G. Black
2	Oak Grove	Wm. Williamson, Oakdale
3	Odin	John McMurray, Salem, R. F. D. 2
9	Olney	J. T. Radcliff
5	Pisgah	T. H. Gutteridge, Sumner, R. F. D.
7	Richland	Rufus Snively, Olney
8	Salem	A. R. Allmon
5	Sumner	H. M. Wagner
3	Tamaroa	Mark Blanchard
3	Union (Wayne Co.)	J. D. C. Day, Fairfield
	Union (White Co.)	Golden Gate
5	Union Ridge	Robert Harris, Norris City
5	Wabash	J. M. Loeffler, Allendale
5	Zion	A. M. E. Martin, Xenia

PRESBYTERY OF FREEPORT.

3	Apple River	Jas. Charlton
9	Belvidere	E. T. Gage
4	Cedarville	H. Richart
4	Dakota	H. F. Barr
1	Elizabeth	S. M. Crissman
12	Freeport, First	F. F. Brown
7	Freeport, Second	G. M. Fugate
2	Galena, First	J. S. Helm
6	Galena, South	J. G. Crooks
4	Hanover	W. N. Miller
5	Harvard	Lee Anderson
6	Linn-Hebron	Wm. Rowbotham
6	Marengo	C. P. Fillmore
2	Middle Creek	J. H. Temple, Winnebago, R. F. D.
5	Oregon	Alpha Jones

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
2	Prairie Dell	M. S. Wubbena, Shannon, R. F. D.
5	Ridgefield	L. A. Walkup
9	Rockford, First	W. J. Morgan
9	Rockford, Westminster	D. Howie
4	Savanna	E. Hammersmith
3	Scales, M'd	F. W. Bruechert
5	Warren	G. W. Pepoon
9	Willow Creek	J. C. Greenlee, Argyle
6	Winnebago	W. I. Wells
3	Woodstock	Rev. S. C. Hay
3	Zion	F. W. Bruechert, Schapville

MATTOON PRESBYTERY.

	Altamont	Rev. Samuel W. Patterson
5	Arcola	H. U. Potter
3	Ashmore	J. R. Guthrie
4	Ashmore (A)	W. H. Galbreath
4	Assumption	F. G. Mitchell
5	Beckwith Prairie	Orville E. Jones, Robinson, R. F. D. 5
4	Bethany	E. G. Spence, Assumption, R. F. D. 1
5	Bethany (A)	W. H. Logan
3	Bethel	Fred L. Munson, Arcola
3	Casey	George F. Shimel
4	Charleston, Central	O. B. Root
8	Charleston, First	I. B. Mitchell
2	Chrisman	John Mitchell
3	Dalton City	I. H. Uppendahl
6	Effingham	H. S. Parker
3	Fairfield	A. M. Kenney, Broadlands
2	Farina	J. W. Harris
4	Gays	J. M. Moore
	Good Prospect	Elmer E. Wood, Trilla
4	Grand View	C. C. Clapp, Dudley
3	Greenup	L. A. Fisher, M.D.
4	Kansas	C. A. Hite
	Kaskaskia	J. M. Green, Shobonier
3	La Fayette	J. L. Woodrum, Mattoon, R. F. D. 7
	Lebanon	Elmer Gordon, Martinsville
6	Lerna	J. Will Walker
	Loogootee	
5	Loxa	G. C. Harmon, Mattoon, R. F. D. 7
	McCown	J. B. McCown, Newman
7	Mattoon, Broadway	C. W. Kincaid
9	Mattoon, First	Frank Cox
	Mattoon, Marshall Ave	Rev. S. A. Hughart
1	Moweaqua	Robert B. Wilson
8	Neoga	S. F. Wilson
5	Newman	A. S. Hawkins
4	Newton	Rev. W. H. Prestley
3	New Providence	W. A. Rowley, Vermillion, R. F. D. 33
	New Providence (A)	Chackley Bailiff, West York
6	Oakland	O. L. Minter
6	Palestine	Ira H. Bussard
9	Pana	E. M. Hybarger
8	Paris	George H. Crowell
3	Pleasant Prairie	John T. McDowell, Lerna
6	Rardin	William F. Foley
4	Robinson	D. T. Harbison
3	St. Omer	John F. Galbreath, Ashmore
5	Shelbyville	George B. Rhoads
3	Shepla	Oscar Haddock, Charleston, R. F. D. 1
	Shiloh	Nat. Price, Janesville
5	Sullivan	W. G. Covey
6	Toledo	Charles A. Willis
4	Tower Hill	A. A. Eiler
5	Tuscola	J. R. Cantrall
	Union	A. Walton, Hindsborough
6	Vandalia	T. N. Pitkin
3	Watson	Orison Reynolds
3	West Okaw	J. H. Baird, Bethany, R. F. D. 2
4	White Hall	Jasper Lacy, Neoga, R. F. D. 2
	Willow Creek	T. M. Cooper, Martinsville
4	Windsor	Rev. Wm. W. M. Barber
3	Woods Chapel	Earl L. Young, Neoga, R. F. D. 1

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.

7	Aurora	Thos. B. Swan
4	Au Sable	C. S. Carpenter, Yorkville
3	Brookfield	B. F. Gage, Seneca
4	Earlville	D. L. Barnard

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
8	Elgin	Thomas Holmes
2	Florid	Milton Ford
7	Grand Ridge	F. H. Poundstone
4	Kings	A. F. Konkle
8	Mendota	Walter Black
	Meriden	Jas. C. McDowell
5	Minonk	J. A. Simpson
6	Morris	H. R. Walker
5	Oswego	G. M. Croushorn
6	Ottawa	J. L. Thomas
6	Paw Paw	Robert Pogue
9	Pontiac	J. A. Caldwell
2	Reading	L. M. Tombaugh, Streator
6	Rochelle	C. J. McClymonds
5	Sandwich	W. W. Woodbury
9	Streator	D. J. Campbell
2	Troy Grove	A. C. McDowell
5	Waltham	D. A. Bennett, Utica
4	Waterman	W. H. McFarlane
6	Wenona	J. B. Duncan

PRESBYTERY OF PEORIA.

2	Alta	J. T. Hawley
5	Altona	J. W. McQueen
1	Astoria	John Meredith
3	Banner	C. H. Northrup, Glasford
2	Brunswick	M. T. Graham, Brimfield
6	Canton	W. C. Sanders
2	Crow Meadow	F. N. Rood, La Rose
4	Delavan	J. T. Culbertson
5	Elmira	Geo. Rutherford, Toulon
6	Elmwood	J. D. Lyon
6	Eureka	G. E. Anthony
6	Farmington	John Caldwell
2	French Grove	W. E. Reed, Brimfield
7	Galesburg	A. A. Sigsbee
2	Green Valley	C. E. Schureman
5	Henry	J. A. Williams
4	Hopedale	J. C. Mickle
3	Ipava	C. S. S. Barrows
7	Isabel	J. C. Coleman, Ipava
9	Knoxville	F. Z. Harmony
5	Lewistown	F. L. Lilly
2	Limestone	Wm. Taylor, Hanna City
3	Oneida	M. Gehring
9	Peoria, First	J. E. F. Fisher
6	Peoria, Second	S. M. Clarke

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
4	Peoria, Arcadia Ave.	E. B. Hazen
3	Peoria, Bethel	B. F. Waggoner
9	Peoria, Calvary	R. O. Bolles
1	Peoria, First (German)	D. H. Teepers
4	Peoria, Grace	E. M. Voorhees
4	Peoria, Westminster	R. C. Kuhn
3	Pottstown	C. E. Miller
3	Princeville	B. H. Wear
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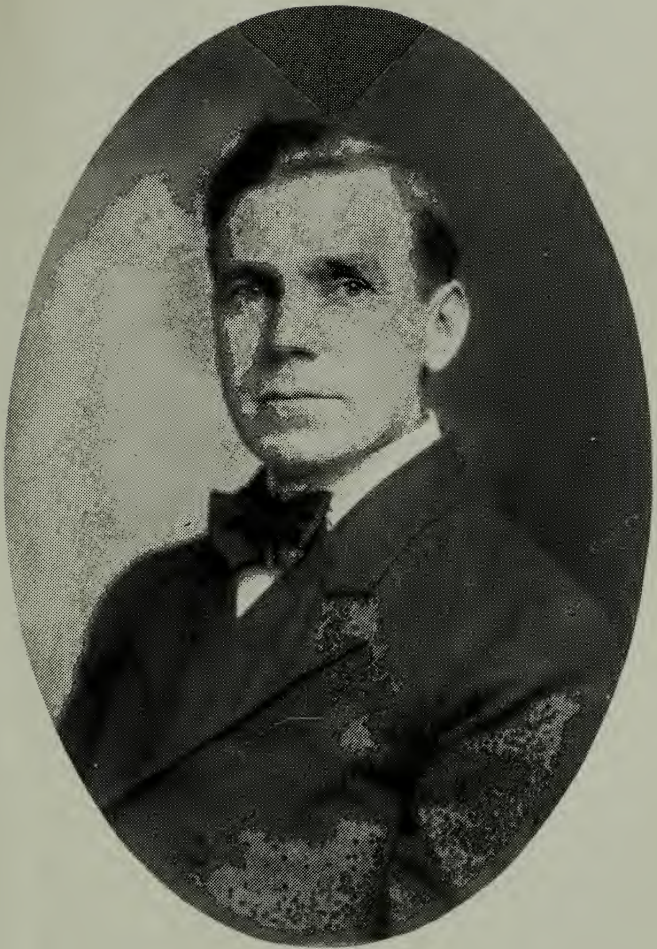

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Rev. H. L. Moore, of Freeport Presbytery, was elected Moderator. Rev. C. Harmon Johnson, of Chicago Presbytery, was elected Stated Clerk and Treasurer, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Rev. George J. E. Richards.

Rev. W. T. Reynolds, of Rushville Presbytery, and Rev. C. A. Highfield, of Alton Presbytery, were chosen Temporary Clerks.

The program as printed was adopted, and is as follows:

Program—

TUESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 19.

7:30—Devotional Services
Sermon by Moderator..... .....Rev. Jas. R. E. Craighead.
Synod constituted with prayer.
Roll Call.
Election of Moderator, Stated and Temporary Clerks.
Adoption of Program.
Report of Committee on Arrangements.

WEDNESDAY MORNING,

8:30—Devotional Services.
9:00—Completion of the Roll.
Announcement of Standing Committees.
Records of Presbyteries and papers distributed.
Report of Permanent Clerk and Acting Treasurer.
Report and Election of Trustees of Synod.
Committee on Incorporation of Synod.
Committee on Co-operation with Executive Commission.
Committee on Financing Litigation.
Appointment of Committee to Nominate Permanent Committees.
10:15—Ministerial Sustentation Fund.....Rev. J. R. Sutherland.
10:30—Home Missions.
Report of Committee.....Rev. T. D. Logan.
Report of Treasurer.....Mr. C. T. Yeomans.
Address by Superintendent.....Rev. W. V. Jeffries.
Address by Associate Superintendent.....Rev. C. E. Hayes.
12:00—Recess.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON,

2:00—Opening Prayer.
Report of Committee on Bills and Overtures.
Report of Judicial Committee.
Miscellaneous Business.
2:30—Youth of the Church.
Report of the Committee.....Rev. J. W. McDonald, Chairman.
3:00—General Church Work.
Report of Committee.....Rev. C. S. Adams.
Board of Church Erection.....Rev. Duncan J. McMillan.

American Bible Society.....Rev. J. F. Horton.
Temperance .....Rev. J. M. Fulton.
3:45—Spiritual Life of the Church.
Report of Committee.....Rev. W. A. Bodell, Chairman.
4:30—The Lord's Supper.
5:00—Recess.

WEDNESDAY EVENING,

7:30—Devotional Services.
7:45—Address on Christian Education.....Rev. Joseph W. Cochran.
8:15—Address on Home Missions.....Rev. Charles Stelzle.

THURSDAY MORNING,

8:30—Devotional Services.
9:00—Reading of Minutes.
Reports of Standing Committees.
On Finance.
Minutes of General Assembly.
Records of Presbyteries.
Place of Next Meeting.
10:00—Brotherhood.
Report of Committee.....Mr. A. R. Taylor, Chairman.
10:30—Christian Education.
Report of the Committee.....Rev. W. S. P. Bryan, Chairman.
Our Work at the State University
Rev. M. E. Anderson, Student Pastor.
Representing the College Board.....Rev. J. T. Stone.
Address .....Rev. J. R. E. Craighead.
12:00—Recess.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON,

2:00—Opening Prayer.
Foreign Missions.
Report and Questionaire .....Rev. W. S. Marquis, Chairman.
3:00—Semi-Centennial Anniversary of Lake Forest Church and College.
Congratulatory. The Moderator, Rev. E. H. Curtis, Rev. J. A. Vance
Response. For the Church, the Pastor; the College, the President.
3:45—Miscellaneous Business.
Report of Committee on Attendance and Absence.
Reading and Approval of Minutes.
5:00—Recess.

THURSDAY EVENING,

7:30—Devotional Services.
7:45—Address on Foreign Missions.....Rev. A. W. Halsey.
8:15—Address on "The Presbyterian Brotherhood".....Mr. C. G. Neeley
Resolutions.
Reading and Approval of Minutes.
Roll Call.
Adjournment.

Rev. W. H. W. Boyle welcomed Synod, and reported for the Committee of Arrangements, recommending that the devotional service of Synod be held conjointly with the College at the Chapel, at 8:30 tomorrow morning; and that members of Synod conduct the exercises at the same time in Ferry Hall and the Academy.

Synod adjourned with prayer, to meet at 8:30 tomorrow morning in the College Chapel.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 8:30 o'clock.

Synod met and engaged in a devotional service at the College Chapel; Rev. W. S. P. Bryan speaking and others participating.

At 9:00 o'clock Synod convened in the Presbyterian Church, and was led in prayer by Rev. W. E. Spoonts.

The roll was called, and additional names enrolled.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Moderator announced the following Standing Committees:

Bills and Overtures—Rev. J. R. E. Craighead, Rev. F. L. Goff, Rev. W. E. Spoonts, Rev. T. B. McAmis, Rev. Edward Browne, Rev. S. J. Parker, Rev. W. S. Parks.

Judicial—Rev. A. B. Morey, Rev. W. F. Hosken, Rev. Stado Munneke, Elder J. N. Cochran, Elder H. T. Allen, Elder W. M. Fisher, Elder S. S. Anderson.

Attendance and Absence—Rev. C. E. Alexander, Rev. Philip Palmer, Rev. M. C. Stonecipher, Elder A. Dawson, Elder J. H. Baird.

Next Place of Meeting—Rev. W. G. Oglevee, Rev. H. F. Reid, Elder H. T. Allen.

Corresponding Members—Rev. C. M. Brown, Rev. M. L. Pearson, Elder J. D. Rogers.

Minutes of General Assembly—Rev. F. L. Selden, Rev. W. B. Lile, Rev. W. P. Baker, Elder E. D. Clark, Elder H. Kemper.

Finance and Treasurer's Account—Rev. S. M. Campbell, Rev. R. M. Dillon, Rev. W. E. Donaldson, Elder Jacob Mortensen, Elder W. M. Camp.

Resolutions—Rev. H. M. Markley.

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Chicago—Rev. Daniel Breeze, Rev. F. H. Given, Elder J. M. Rice.
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Ottawa—Rev. G. R. Scroggs, Rev. O. W. Dyer, Elder T. W. Gallaway.
Rock River—Rev. H. Hepburn, Rev. E. R. North, Elder J. N. McClung.
Rushville—Rev. E. R. Worrell, Rev. E. C. Pires, Elder J. P. Foster.
Springfield—Rev. Marion Humphreys, Rev. H. F. Reid, Elder F. W. Busse.

The Records of Presbyteries were presented and referred to the proper Committees for examination. The Stated Clerk presented the papers in his hands, and the same were referred to Committees.

The action of the retiring Moderator in the event of the death of Rev. George J. E. Richards, in appointing Rev. A. G. Bergen and Rev. E. L. Lord to audit the Treasurer's accounts and to transfer property to the Permanent Clerk; and also in appointing Rev. C. N. Wilder to prepare a minute on the decease of Mr. Richards to be read before Synod, was approved.

Rev. C. Harmon Johnson presented his report as Permanent Clerk. It is as follows:—

REPORT OF PERMANENT CLERK.

The Permanent Clerk of the Synod of Illinois respectfully reports:

1. That the Rev. Geo. J. E. Richards, the beloved Stated Clerk and Treasurer of this Synod was suddenly called from his earthly duties on June 6th last, the Synod thus suffering the irreparable loss of a most efficient officer.

2. That the effects of the office of Treasurer were immediately placed by his estate at the disposal of the Moderator, as chairman of the Board of Trustees of Synod. The Rev. E. L. Lord, brother-in-law of Mr. Richards and Rev. A. G. Bergen were by the Moderator appointed a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts, a report of which will be submitted by them to this body. The Permanent Clerk was, on September 10th, appointed by the Moderator to perform the duties of Treasurer until the election of a Treasurer by the Synod. The report of the acting treasurer will be submitted separately.

3. That the effects of the office of Stated Clerk were immediately placed at the disposal of the Permanent Clerk by Messrs. Lord and Bergen. At

his request one box, said to contain files of Synodical Records and other books and pamphlets was safely stored by Mr. Bergen in Greenview to await the election of a Stated Clerk. The second box containing the papers, stationery, correspondence, seal and charter of Incorporation, file of the Minutes of the Synod from 1882 to date, and 130 copies of the Minutes of 1908, has been received by the Permanent Clerk and the contents examined and utilized in preparation for the present meeting of Synod.

4. That he has received from the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly the attested copy of the Minutes of the Synod of Illinois for 1908 and that the Minutes were approved without exception.

5. That he has received the usual reports of the Women's Synodical Societies and recommends that they be printed in the appendix. And he further recommends that Synod approve the election of the names submitted by the Women's Society to act as the Synodical Committee, said list to be printed in the appendix.

6. That he has received the reports of the Presbyteries and recommends that they be printed in the appendix as usual.

7. He recommends that a committee of five be appointed by the Moderator to nominate Permanent Committees otherwise unprovided for, for the ensuing year.

8. He recommends that Standing Rule No. 2 be amended in its first paragraph to read as follows:—"The Synod shall consist of commissioners chosen by the Presbyteries according to the ratio of one minister and one elder for every fifteen ministers and churches combined on the roll of each Presbytery. No representation shall be allowed for fractions and the basis of estimate shall be the figures reported to the last General Assembly. The Synod shall meet annually," etc.

9. He recommends that Standing Rule No. 12 be amended by the omission of the last clause *i. e.*, "The exact design and ornamentation shall be chosen by the trustees."

Respectfully submitted,

C. Harmon Johnson.

The report was adopted with the exception of recommendations 8 and 9 which were deferred until tomorrow for action.

Rev. A. G. Bergen presented the following report for the Committee appointed to audit the accounts of Mr. Richards. It was adopted and is as follows:—

Your Committee appointed to audit the books and vouchers of Rev. Geo. J. E. Richards, Treasurer of the Synod of Illinois, would report that we have carefully examined the same and find them correct, with proper certificates, showing a balance in the bank at Greenview, Ill, of

$132.40, and in the National Bank of Monmouth, Ill., of $1,422.56. Making a total of $1,554.96. We find there is due Mr. Richards a balance of $2.10 on expense account, which we recommend shall be paid his family. There is also due the office on salary for the year closing $50.00, which we recommend shall be paid to the Permanent Clerk, who has performed the duties of the office since the death of the Stated Clerk.

A. G. Bergen,
Edwin L. Lord.

Statement of accounts of the late Treasurer from October 1908 to the time of his death as found by the auditing committee.

CONTINGENT FUND.

RECEIPTS.

October 21, 1908. Balance on hand	$ 1026 51
Interest on Deposits	14 00
Cash offering at Synod for Bibles	20 00
For Orphanage (in trust)	5 00
From Treasurers of Presbyteries—	
Alton	67 12
Rock River	55 41
Rushville	67 09
Bloomington	105 80
Ewing	35 38
Freeport	49 49
Springfield	97 90
Mattoon	61 28
Cairo	34 58
Total	$1,639 36

DISBURSEMENTS.

Printing Minutes and postage on same	$ 225 56
Salary Stated Clerk	200 00
Salary Permanent Clerk	75 00
Committee Christian Education	175 00
Committee on Foreign Missions	60 00
Committee on Executive Commission	65 42
Bibles for Colleges	20 00
Sexton	5 00
Express	5 39
Stationery and sundries	8 51
Total Disbursements	$ 839 88
Balance in Treasury	799 48
Total	$ 1639 36

MILEAGE FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$ 1015 79
Mileage returned	2 42
From Treasurers of Presbyteries—	
Alton	67 12
Bloomington	105 80
Cairo	34 38
Ewing	35 38
Freeport	49 49
Mattoon	61 28
Rock River	55 41
Rushville	67 09
Springfield	97 90
Total	$1592 06

DISBURSEMENTS.

Alton Presbytery, 12 delegates	$ 77 96
Bloomington Presbytery, 13 delegates	74 76
Cairo Presbytery, 6 delegates	71 23
Chicago Presbytery, 24 delegates	170 02
Ewing Presbytery, 7 delegates	78 26
Freeport Presbytery, 6 delegates	45 96
Mattoon Presbytery, 11 delegates	89 81
Ottawa Presbytery, 6 delegates	28 60
Peoria Presbytery, 9 delegates	27 06
Rock River Presbytery, 7 delegates	17 04
Rushville Presbytery, 6 delegates	17 89
Springfield Presbytery, 13 delegates	65 96
Chairmen, Clerks and speaker	42 03
Mileage, Committee on Executive Commissions	30 00
Total Mileage	$ 836 58
Balance in Treasury	755 48
Total	$1592 06

The following financial statement and recommendation was submitted by Rev. C. Harmon Johnson as acting treasurer, the recommendation adopted and the accounts with those of the late treasurer referred to the Finance Committee.

The Permanent Clerk, as acting treasurer of Synod, respectfully submits the following:

THE CONTINGENT FUND

RECEIPTS

Balance from the former treasurer	$799.48
Treasurer Chicago Presbytery	284.87
Treasurer Peoria Presbytery	65.89
Treasurer Ottawa Presbytery	43.85
Interest on deposits	15.64
Total	$1209.73

THE MILEAGE FUND

RECEIPTS

Balance from former treasurer	$755.48
Treasurer Chicago Presbytery	284.87
Treasurer Peoria Presbytery	65.89
Treasurer Ottawa Presbytery	43.85
Total	$1150.09

Inasmuch as there have been no pressing demands upon the treasury and deeming it unwise to complicate accounts by opening a new set of books for the short time intervening before the election of a Treasurer, the Permanent Clerk has made no disbursements. He would respectfully recommend that the amount of $50 referred to in the report of the auditing committee, which would now be due the late Treasurer be paid to his widow, Mrs. Annie L. Richards, with an expression of the esteem and sympathy of Synod.

Submitted,

C. Harmon Johnson,
Acting Treasurer.

The Stated and Temporary Clerks were appointed a committee to nominate a Permanent Clerk to fill the vacancy caused by the election of Rev. C. Harmon Johnson as Stated Clerk.

Rev. W. S. P. Bryan presented the following report of the Trustees of Synod.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees respectfully report that they met on Tuesday, October 19th, at ten o'clock at the Presbyterian Headquarters, Chicago, the Moderator of Synod, Rev. J. R. E. Craighead, presiding; Rev. C. Harmon Johnson, Acting Clerk of Synod, being elected Secretary.

The Trustees listened to Rev. W. H. Penhallegon, of Decatur, touching the Kammerer bequest and adopted the following resolution to be presented to Synod:

WHEREAS, The Supreme Court of Illinois has decided that suit concerning the Kammerer Will in favor of the Presbyterians of Central Illinois, by which large and valuable holdings in real estate and $10,000 in cash are to be applied to establishing an orphanage, and the Synod of 1906 has recognized the legatees designated under the Will as comprised in the Presbyteries of Mattoon and Springfield, and these Presbyteries have appointed committees which have protected the interests of the Presbyterians of Central Illinois, it is

Resolved: 1. That Synod express its great satisfaction at the prospect of a home for orphan children under this generous bequest, especially as it is planned to make this home accessible to our orphan children throughout the Synod.

2. That Synod direct the Trustees to co-operate in the establishment of this home with such Committee or Trustees as under the term of the bequest and the rulings of the Court may be appointed.

The Trustees listened to a statement from the Committee on Christian Education concerning the real property held by W. S. P. Bryan in trust for the Synod and concerning the forthcoming endowment for the Synod's work at the University of Illinois, and after hearing at length from the counsel of Synod, Henry S. Osborne, Esq., the Trustees,

Resolved: 1. That the present organization of the Trustees is sufficient to enable the Synod, whose Trustees they are, to receive conveyances, both real and personal.

2. That the Treasurer of Synod be designated as the custodian of these funds subject to the control of the Trustees of Synod.

3. That Synod elect at this meeting five trustees according to its by-laws from among the members of the present body.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. S. P. BRYAN,
For the Trustees.

The two resolutions on orphanage and the last on election of Trustees were adopted. Resolutions 1 and 2 on the custody and control of property were deferred for action until the hearing of the report on Christian Education. (They were then adopted.)

Mr. Thomas Hall a member of the General Assembly's Executive Commission addressed Synod with reference to the Commission's plans and progress.

The report of the Committee on Co-operation with the Executive Commission was made the first order for the afternoon.

Elder A. R. Taylor reported for the Committee on Financing Litigation as follows:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCING LITIGATION.

BRETHREN: Your committee on financing the litigation expenses arising out of the court cases in connection with the properties of the church claimed by the anti-union element of the former Cumberland Presbyterian Church begs leave to make the following report:

Four cases are now in the courts headed for the Supreme Court of Illinois: The two cases begun by the Anti-unionists at Fancy Prairie and Lincoln, both of which have been decided in our favor; one case begun by the so-called church at Harrisburg, which has been decided against us by the Circuit Court; and an injunction case brought by the Anti-unionists against the Church at Petersburg, upon which a temporary injunction has been granted forbidding the local Presbyterian organization the use of the Church.

The expense in these cases has been largely borne by the local organizations and much of it guaranteed by them on their faith in the disposition of the churches in Illinois as a whole to share it with them. The total amount of expense thus far probable is nearly $2,000, of which not more than one-fourth has been provided for.

Your committee delayed making a canvass for funds in deference to the views of some of the brethren until a more intelligent statement of the situation in the state and in the country at large could be made.

The Harrisburg case has been appealed to the Supreme Court, and will possibly be heard in December. It is absolutely necessary that some provision be made for certain payments in connection with that case early in November. In anticipation of them your committee asked the Presbyteries at their fall meetings to approve the appeal for funds and to appoint a committee to secure responses from the various churches in their bounds. Several have done so, though no funds have as yet been received from any of them except from the Springfield Presbytery, which set apart $200 for that purpose. As they met so recently, however, we could hardly hope for a response before this time. We sincerely trust that it may soon come and in a very liberal way. In the meantime it will illuminate and strengthen our cause very greatly if the Synod will

formally assume the responsibility of the expenses in these cases where the committee finds it advisable to assume in order that no time or advantage may be lost.

We make a recommendation to that effect and we further recommend that the function of this committee be enlarged to include the authority to advise and counsel in the employment of attorneys and conduct of these cases.

Fraternally submitted,

A. R. Taylor,

W. H. Penhallegon,

T. H. Perrin.

The report was adopted but later was on motion reconsidered and the recommendation referred to the Finance Committee for consideration.

The Home Mission Committee, through its Chairman, Rev. T. D. Logan, presented its report: Pending the consideration of the recommendations, the Treasurer, Mr. C. T. Yeomans, read his financial report, and also the following report of the Auditing Committee:—

Your Auditing Committee have examined the warrants, vouchers, cash book and bank books of Mr. C. T. Yeomans, Treasurer of the Committee on Home Missions; and the voucher of the First National Bank of Danville, for Mr. Yeomans' balance with them, and find these records agreeing with his printed report.

Wm. E. Archibald,

H. A. Thompson.

The Synodical Superintendent, Rev. W. V. Jeffries, and his Associate, Rev. C. E. Hayes, addressed Synod upon their work during the year in the Home Mission fields.

The report of the Committee was adopted as a whole, including the report of the Treasurer; and is as follows:

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS TO THE SYNOD OF ILLINOIS

Report of the Chairman, Rev. Thomas D. Logan

I. The Board of Home Missions.

This important agency of the entire Church in the evangelization of our country has prosecuted its work with its accustomed energy. The total number of missionaries who have labored under the direction of the Board during the past year was 1435, of whom 59 were Cuban, Porto Rican, Mexican and Indian helpers. There were 447 missionary teachers. As the result of their labor, through the blessing of the Lord, 7135 members were added to the Church by confession of faith, and 4645 by certificate. Ninety-three new churches were organized, seventy-two new buildings were erected, and one hundred and ten Churches attained self-support. From all sources the Board received $1,073,971.76, the largest sum ever reported to the Assembly. Yet it falls far below the demands of the work if the ever-advancing tide of emigration westward and southward is to be provided with the means of grace. When we consider the special lines of effort which the Board is sustaining among the neglected mountaineers, the North American Indians, the Alaskans, the Mexicans, Cubans and Porto Ricans, immigrants of foreign speech, and in the Department of Church and Labor, it is readily seen that the work calls for largely increased contributions, of which the Synod of Illinois should furnish its full share. Our efficient local administration should enable us to give more largely to the general work. The Board is issuing literature of the most instructive character. This literature recognizes the plan of administration in operation in this Synod, and advises our Churches to be loyal to this plan. Pastors and sessions should avail themselves of the offer of the Board to supply them with this attractive literature, and should see that it is circulated widely in their congregations.

In accordance with the instructions of the General Assembly of 1908, representatives of a number of Synods conducting their own Home Missionary work met with officers of the Board of Home Missions in New York, and instituted an Advisory Council on Home Missions. The Synod of Illinois was represented by the chairman of your Home Mission Committee. The Council elected as its chairman, Rev. William T. Jaquess, of Michigan, as vice-chairman, Rev. T. D. Logan, of Illinois, and as secretary, Mr. J. E. McAfee of the Home Board, who were to constitute an executive committee. By action of the General Assembly of 1909 it was decided that this Council should enlarge its scope and become a Council of Church Extension, embracing Church Erection and Sabbath School work as well as Home Missions. The Council has been called to meet in New York, November 17, 1909. As other causes than Home Missions are to be considered at this Council, the attention of the Synod is called to its importance in order that the subject may be considered in all its bearings,

and a decision be rendered as to whether the Synod of Illinois will participate in this Council of Church Extension, and if so how its representative will be appointed.

Home Missions in the Synod of Illinois

The Presbytery of Chicago has demonstrated the feasibility and the efficiency of combining the work of the nearly allied Boards in its Committee on Church Extension, which unites the causes of Home Missions, Church Erection and Sabbath School work under a single local administration. The report of this committee for the first full year, ending April 1, 1909, is very encouraging. The total receipts were $66,713.23, and the disbursements were $57,570.06. There was an increase of $19,000 over the net receipts of the previous year. Two new churches were organized, and two others were awaiting organization when the report was made. Substantial assistance was given to six churches, relieving them of the indebtedness burdening their property, and enabling them to carry forward their work without embarrassment. A tent was procured in which 108 meetings were held, resulting in the professed conversion of 65 adults and 38 children. A Training School for missionary workers has been established and conducted with success. Institutional features were introduced into several mission churches, and there are two other institutional enterprises conducted and supported largely by Presbyterians. Plans have been laid to take a survey of the city, studying the neglected portions of the rapidly growing suburban fields in which Churches and Sabbath Schools may be organized. Steps have been taken to co-ordinate this work with similar work of other denominations.

In the more strictly Home Missionary features of its work, the Chicago Church Extension Committee is assisting 26 Churches in sustaining their pastors, and ten branch Churches are aided either from its treasury or by stronger Churches. It is supporting six missions, including Bohemian, Persian, Slavic and Jewish missions. Two missions, one of them among the Chinese, are self-sustaining. There are now on the rolls 28 missionary pastors, and 8 women workers and Bible visitors. The Presbyterian interests of Chicago are now concentrated in the Ohio Building, No. 328 Wabash Avenue, making a religious center, not only for Chicago, but also for the central west. The combination of the Church Erection and Sabbath School interests make it difficult to determine the exact proportion of the receipts and expenditures which belong to strictly Home Missionary work. The undesignated contributions have been divided in the ratio of 60 per cent for Home Missions and 40 per cent for Church extension, but special contributions have been credited to the cause for which they were given.

The work of Home Missions throughout the other Presbyteries of the Synod is fully set forth in the reports of the Superintendent and Associate Superintendent, which are given in part as follows:

Rev. W. V. Jeffries, Synodical Superintendent of Home Missions says—

"Early in the year in conjunction with the Home Board a series of eleven conferences on church finance was planned and carried out, one in each Presbytery. These conferences were attended by Secretary McAfee of the Board, by the Board's specialist in church finance the Rev. A. F. McGarrah, and by the Synodical Superintendent. A good deal of interest was aroused and later in the year Mr. McGarrah spent about two months visiting churches and Presbyteries in the Synod. This campaign was not specially in the interest of Home Mission contributions, and in fact no offerings whatever for this cause were taken at any of the places visited. But the whole effort was directed toward better church finance in relation to all of the benevolences and to the current expenses of the churches. This is a vital topic. It is believed that an increasing amount of good will come from the efforts put forth.

"Through contributions from individuals means have been provided for carrying forward the evangelistic department of the work. During the entire evangelistic season we had the services of Mr. A. W. Gray and also of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Harvey. They rendered very fine service as a result of which several of our smaller churches have been more than doubled in size, others have been strengthened and encouraged, communion service was held in at least one field where such service had not been held for several years, and the gospel was preached to some even in Illinois almost mature men and women who had never before been in a church or heard a sermon. In addition to the work of those mentioned above other evangelists gave us some of their time and in this way three or four months of such service was provided for several of our smaller churches, and with most excellent results. Mr. Gray and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey have been engaged for the coming season.

"Our opportunities for work among the foreigners have been increasing. There is need of more work than we have yet been able to undertake. It is a work which involves many difficulties of administration. But the duty is plain and the results are promising.

"The Italian work at Ladd and at Spring Valley (under the direction of the Congregationalists at the latter place) has on the whole made encouraging progress. At Ladd an average of about twenty-five Italians has attended the day schools. The Sunday services have been attended by from fifteen to twenty-five. Our Presbyterian church at this place has had no pastor since last February and we hope that one will be settled in the very near future who will greatly help on with this mission work among the Italian people.

"The work among the Bulgarians of Madison and Granite City still continues. The numbers of these people in these cities are now rapidly increasing and they are in a much more prosperous condition than last year. A regular weekly prayer meeting has been established in our mission at which the attendance is very steady and encouraging. The meetings are led in turn by the Bulgarian Christians themselves. The spiritual

results have been very marked and have led to deep gratitude on the part of those who have the work at heart. The attendance at the Sabbath services has ranged from fifteen to seventy-five or more. The average has been about thirty-five or forty. The Sabbath School work is continued with a present enrollment of fifteen. With the Lord's blessing the outlook for this work is very good indeed.

"Last April a new mission was established among the Hungarian people in East St. Louis, Illinois, and in St. Louis, Mo. One missionary serves both missions, the work in Missouri being under the direction of our Home Board, while that in Illinois is under the direction of Synod's committee. On the Illinois side there are about fifty families of Hungarian people in East St. Louis and that vicinity. At a meeting conducted by our Missionary and attended by myself a few weeks after the work was begun I found about thirty children in the Sunday School and a few more than sixty at the preaching service. They are working people of an excellent type and seemed deeply interested and earnest in the service. A fine group of men in middle and early manhood is gathered about the missionary as leaders of the enterprise. It is a fine field. With the right spirit and earnest work there should be a good future.

"The general plan of our Home Mission work has been strictly adhered to, and substantially the same means used as last year, in the raising of money. In a general way it has seemed harder to get money than last year, the panic and business depression having rather more effect on benevolences the second year than the first. Under the circumstances it was feared that we could not again reach the high mark of last year. But the returns show that we have even passed it. In the figures here given I do not include Chicago Presbytery for the reason that it is worked on a different plan, and for the further reason that we have no figures for last year with which to make a proper comparison. But in the other eleven Presbyteries of the Synod we have this year made a gain in gifts to the Home Mission work over last year of $1793.46, and over two years ago of $8191.65. As compared with last year three of our Presbyteries show a loss as follows—Mattoon, $68.11; Ottawa, $30.10, and Rushville $508.86. In the case of this last Presbytery it ought to be said that a personal gift last year of $500 which could not be repeated this year, accounts for almost all of the loss. On the other hand eight of our Presbyteries have this year made gains over last as follows—Alton, $263.70; Bloomington, $839.34; Cairo, $19.27; Ewing, $139.90; Freeport, $271.04; Peoria, $277.32; Rock River, $539.75; Springfield, $50.21.

The average per capita contributions in the Presbyteries is as follows:

Ottawa	20.67 cents	Freeport	30.46 cents
Cairo	20.80 cents	Rushville	31.24 cents
Mattoon	21.43 cents	Bloomington	37.36 cents
Springfield	25.41 cents	Rock River	41.63 cents
Alton	26.46 cents	Ewing	46.59 cents
Peoria	29.17 cents		

"From this it will be seen that five of our Presbyteries have passed the Synodical minimum of 30 cents per capita, while six have fallen below it. Last year seven Presbyteries were below the minimum. Again Ewing Presbytery leads as it did last year, having made a net per-capita gain this year over last of more than seven cents for the whole Presbytery.

"My cares have been many, and my work has been arduous and incessant. But it has been rendered as pleasant as such work could be and its fruition has been largely due to the thoughtful interest and confidence of the Chairman of Synod's Committee, and to the splendid loyalty and co-operation of the Presbyterial Chairman and the Presbyterial and Synodical Treasurers."

Rev. C. E. Hayes, D. D., Associate Superintendent, who was Superintendent of the Church Extension Association of the former Cumberland Presbyterian Church, says. "The churches since the union are adjusting themselves in a very satisfactory manner to the new conditions. A beautiful spirit of love and harmony now prevails in most sections of the Synod. In order to give the best help to weak and discouraged congregations, a personal visit to the field must be made. There must be a careful study of the situation as it is. Frequently nothing short of a house-to-house visitation must be made in order to reach bottom facts. To do this work much territory must be covered, much time must be spent and the great est tact and patience possible exercised. Some of the best work of the year has been accomplished in this way. I give a few instances.

"In a town of about 1000 people, where there is a substantial Presbyterian Church house and manse, the work had been practically abandoned. The Church was organized some 75 years ago, and for a number of years paid its pastor $1000 and free use of the manse. When we went on the field there were 23 members. They were utterly discouraged. A two-weeks' meeting was held and a canvass for money for the support of a pastor was made. Enough was secured to have preaching half the time, by uniting with a neighboring Church. Before we left the field, a minister visited the two churches, a call was extended and accepted. The two churches are now in a prosperous condition. Another Church was visited and four services were held during the week-day nights. Each day a house-to-house canvass was made to get at the true situation. The case was an acute one and needed heroic treatment. At our suggestion all the officers resigned. New ones were at once elected and installed, money was secured for a minister and one was obtained in a very short time.

"During the year we have held ten series of revival meetings, eight of them being in Home Mission Churches. After the meetings four Churches determined not to ask further aid from the Home Mission Committee, as they felt able to take care of their work alone. The other four requested that their appropriation be reduced. In these meetings there were over 300 professions and over 200 accessions to the Churches. A number of fields have been visited with a view to opening mission work in them. On the 13th of June we were invited to visit Marissa. On June 27th a Sunday School

was organized with 38 charter members—there are now enrolled 100. On July 21st the Alton Presbytery met at Marissa and organized a Church with 32 members. We placed the Church in touch with a minister, and he accepted their call and is now on the field, which is grouped with the neighboring Church at Baldwin. In January we were invited to hold a series of revival meetings in the mission Church at Marion which had been organized a year before. There were but 23 members on the roll. At the close of the meeting there had been over 100 professions, and 80 had given their names for Church membership.

"I find that there are many Churches needing only a helping hand and a word of encouragement in order that success may come to them. Several Churches have been given a new lease of life on assisting them at the right time. Many Churches are down simply for the reason that they have no financial system. Nothing can bring larger returns to the Presbyterian Church in Illinois, in a financial way, than a systematic training along financial lines. The people are not poor, but large numbers of them have never been instructed in the way of giving to the cause of the Lord.

"During the year I have supplied the columns of the 'Church Extension Herald' with news items and other matter pertaining to the work of the Synod. This paper belongs to the Synod, and it should be used more in giving information concerning its work. The subscription price is 25 cents a year. The business end of the paper is conducted by Mr. T. H. Perrin, of Alton, without cost to the Church. The paper, has about 1500 subscribers. We ask for it a more generous support. The past year we have travelled 11,000 miles, held ten revivals, visited 76 churches, attended Presbyterial meetings, held a number of conferences and visited in 368 homes. We have collected for the work $1,177, of which we sent $840 to the Synodical treasurer and $336.12 to the Presbyterial treasurers. The Synodical Committee and the various Presbyterial Committees have given us every possible assistance. These committee men make great personal sacrifices about which the Chruch knows but little. To these our brethren we extend our thanks for every kindness shown."

It is a part of the duty of the Synodical Committee on Home Missions to report concerning the work of missions among the negroes of the south. The forty-fourth year of the work of the Freedmen's Board was hopeful and encouraging. The contributions to this cause amounted to $148,875, an increase of over $13,000. The negro churches raised for their own support $140,084, an increase of over $15,000. The total number of workers was 500, in 123 schools with 14,580 pupils, and in 399 churches with 24,324 members, and 23,323 children in the Sabbath School. All of these figures show an increase over those of the previous year. There are constant calls for an enlargement of the work which cannot be met through lack of funds. The General Assembly in suggesting this year the Budget Plan of totaling and apportioning the entire needs of its benevolent work among the Churches names $158,416 as the amount that should be given for this cause, or an advance of six and one-half per cent over last years

contributions. Such Churches as may not adopt the Budget Plan this year are asked to make a proportionate increase of at least six and one-half per cent over their gifts of last year. It is an important cause, and it should have our liberal support.

General Summary

The summary of Home Mission work throughout the Synod of Illinois shows that 133 Churches besides missions and preaching stations, were aided in the support of their ministers by Home Mission funds, or were supplied with preaching under the direction of the Presbyterial Home Mission Committees. Three new Home Mission Churches were organized. Eleven Churches previously assisted attained self-support. Ninety-nine ordained ministers and twenty-two other workers were employed. There were 1294 additions to the Home Mission Churches on profession of faith, and 803 by certificate, and a total membership of 10,004, and 14,267 in the Sabbath Schools. Missions for the foreign speaking population were maintained among the Bohemians, the Bulgarians, the Chinese, the Hungarians, the Italians, the Jews, the Persians and the Slavs. The entire contributions from our Churches for all features of Home Missionary effort, as reported in the minutes of the General Assembly were $118,112, yet we have not begun to approach a scriptural standard of giving to this cause in which the future of our country, and of the world, are so deeply involved.. The beggarly minimum of 30 cents per member, as the average contribution to this cause of Home evangelization, has not been reached in nearly half of our Presbyteries. Much work within our own bounds for which there is crying need is left undone for lack of means, and the overflow into the treasury of the Board of Home Missions for the evangelization of the entire country is not nearly as large as it ought to be. Illinois is rich. Her cities and towns are enjoying a high degree of prosperity. Large harvests and good prices for a succession of years have brought great wealth to the country districts. The evidences are apparent in added comforts and luxuries. To the rural mail delivery and the telephone the automobile has been added as one of the essentials of modern country life. Our farmers are not only making money, but they are spending it lavishly; yet as a rule they are not giving to the cause of the Lord a proportionate share of their increased resourses. The problem of the country Church, which is under discussion at the present time, would be in a fair way towards solution, if every such Church would add about twenty per cent to the salary of its pastor. The two or three hundred dollars necessary to do this would put our rural and village churches in a position to command the best pulpit talent in the church, and would promote that feeling of self-respect without which no Church is capable of doing its best work. With an increased salary at least proportionate to the advanced cost of living, there should be also a very great increase in the offerings to the benevolent agencies of the Church, which have the first claim on the

generosity of our Presbyterian people. A systematic canvass of the entire membership of every Church for all the Boards, in accordance with Budget Plan proposed by the General Assembly, is necessary to insure proper support for all these agencies. Your Synodical Committee on Home Missions is ready to co-operate with the Committees representing all the other Boards of the Church, and with the Executive Committees or Commissions of Synod and its Presbyteries, in an earnest effort to increase the benevolent offerings of individuals and Churches. Let Illinois come to the front, and in the work of the Lord let her take that high position which she proudly maintains as the most prosperous State in the American Union.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Report of the Chairman, Mr. Chas. T. Yeomans

SEPTEMBER 30, 1908 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 1909

1. RECEIPTS

PRESBYTERIES.	From Presbyterial Treasurer.	Pulpit Supplies Synodical Superintendents.	For Evangelistic Work.	Ten Per Cent Fund.	Total.
Alton	.....	$ 190 53	.....	.....	$ 190 53
Bloomington	$2,800 00	69 30	182 01	.....	3,051 31
Cairo	.....	162 78	130 00	105 43	398 21
Chicago	2,293 00	26 00	.....	.....	2,319 00
Ewing	.....	81 35	193 58	.....	274 93
Freeport	1,000 00	63 81	.....	.....	1,063 81
Mattoon	150 00	5 00	33 00	.....	188 00
Ottawa	300 00	19 00	50 00	.....	369 00
Peoria	225 00	20 00	.....	.....	245 00
Rock River	1,300 00	67 10	352 00	.....	1,719 10
Rushville	700 00	202 14	.....	13 67	915 81
Springfield	1,500 00	253 70	153 72	.....	1,907 42
Total	$10,268 00	$ 1,160 71	$ 1,094 31	$ 119 10	$ 12,642 12
Sustentation Soct'y. of C. P. branch.	250 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Old Salem Chautauqua S. S.	24 82	.....	.....	.....	274 83
Total receipts	.....	.....	.....	.....	$ 12,916 95
Balance on hand Sept. 30, 1908	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,471 99
Amount to be accounted for	.....	.....	.....	.....	$ 14,388 94

2. EXPENDITURES

SEPTEMBER 30, 1908 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 1909

Postage, Stationery and Expense of Treasurer's Bond	$ 101.21	
Committee Meetings	243.67	$ 344.88

ILLINOIS WORK

Granted to Presbyteries	$ 950.00	
Synodical Superintendents' Salaries and Expenses	3,886.55	
Evangelistic Work	1,097.50	
Salaries of Three Foreign Workers	1,699.98	$ 7,634.03

NEW YORK BOARD

Grant by Synodical Committee	$ 4,593.00
Total Expenditures	$12,571.91
Balance on hand September 30, 1909	1,817.03
	$14,388.94

The balance on hand includes

Amount in General Fund	$1,151.12
Amount in Evangelistic Fund	546.71
Amount in Ten per cent Fund	119.10
	$1,817.03

REPORT SEPTEMBER 30, 1907

Total expenditures	$10,841.93
Cash balance on hand	1,471.99

TREASURERS OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

SEPTEMBER 30, 1908 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 1909

PRESBYTERIES.	Churches.	Schools.	Young People's Societies.	Other Sources	Total Receipts.	Cash Balance 1908	Total to Account for
Alton	$ 1,798 60	$ 77 47	$ 45 75	$ 411 00	$ 2,332 82	$ 514 95	$ 2,847 77
Bloomington	3,606 63	91 70	66 50	.....	3,764 83	1,668 35	5,433 18
Cairo	894 35	41 02	79 31	355 00	1,369 68	160 69	1,530 37
Chicago	25,361 03	.....	.....	6,275 90	*31,636 93	743 14	32,380 07
Ewing	1,484 22	93 69	66 50	225 00	1,869 41	452 87	2,322 28
Freeport	1,345 88	39 40	55 30	.....	1,440 58	887 94	2,328 52
Mattoon	1,324 46	41 55	5 00	.....	1,371 01	448 17	1,819 18
Ottawa	667 58	113 80	106 05	.....	887 43	210 01	1,097 44
Peoria	1,924 85	55 10	24 25	167 82	2,172 02	126 83	2,298 85
Rock River	1,840 69	53 75	35 77	2 50	1,932 71	581 46	2,514 17
Rushville	1,974 28	135 54	25 00	.....	2,134 82	581 29	2,716 11
Springfield	2,243 79	113 86	54 65	67 50	2,479 80	1,264 42	3,744 22
Total 1909	$44,466 36	$856 88	$ 564 08	$7,504 72	$53,392 04	$7,640 12	$61,032 16
Total 1908	42,700 08	891 51	633 24	923 37	45,148 20	4,311 81	49 460 01

*The entire receipts of this committee on Church Extension of the Presbytery of Chicago were $58,500.82. This report gives only that portion which was contributed for strictly Home Missionary work, omitting the money raised for church erection and Sabbath School work.

2. EXPENDITURES

PRESBYTERIES.	Salaries of Missionaries.	To Synod's Treasurer.	Administration Expenses.	Total Expended.	Cash Balance 1908	Total Accounted for.
Alton	$ 2,283 19	.....	$ 20 69	$ 2,303 88	$ 543 89	$ 2,847 77
Bloomington	2,010 64	$2,800 00	4 75	4,815 39	617 79	5,433 18
Cairo	1,243 63	105 43	31 15	1,380 21	150 16	1,530 37
Chicago	27,280 27	2,293 00	1,044 81	*30,618 08	1,761 99	32,380 07
Ewing	1,580 86	.....	17 20	1,598 06	724 22	2,322 28
Freeport	747 76	1,000 00	64 85	1,812 61	515 91	2,328 52
Mattoon	987 68	150 00	1 00	1,138 68	680 50	1,819 18
Ottawa	546 25	300 00	7 35	853 60	243 84	1,097 44
Peoria	1,977 44	225 00	6 00	2,208 44	90 41	2,298 85
Rock River	375 00	1,300 00	14 28	1,689 28	824 89	2,514 17
Rushville	1,388 88	713 67	12 20	2,114 75	601 36	2,716 11
Springfield	917 50	1,500 00	28 21	2,445 71	1,298 51	3,744 22
Total	$41,339 10	$10,387 10	$1,252 49	$52,978 69	$8,053 47	$61,032 16
Total reported 1908	33,375 34	7,196 00	1,238 55	41,809 89	7,650 12	49,460 01

*The entire expenditures of the Committee on Church Extension of the Presbytery of Chicago were $57,570.06, including $200 sent to the Treasurer of the Snodical Home Mission Committee for the work of the synod and $2,093 sent to the Board of Home Missions.

RECEIPTS FROM ILLINOIS BY NEW YORK BOARD.

SEPTEMBER 30, 1908 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 1909

As Reported by HARVEY C. OLIN, Treasurer.

PRESBYTERIES	Through Woman's Boards.	Churches, S. S., C. E., Etc., Direct to New York.	Synodical Treasurer	Total.	Living Individuals.	Legacies.	Total from all Sources.
Alton	$ 820 81	$ 50 85		$ 871 66			$ 871 66
Bloomington	3,516 02	22 23		3,538 25			3,538 25
Cairo	286 62	42 80		329 42			329 42
Chicago	9,800 11	4,102 50		13,902 61			13,902 61
Ewing	290 80			290 80			290 80
Freeport	998 65	24 19		1,022 84			1,022 84
Mattoon	1,004 10	85 25		1,089 35			1,089 35
Ottawa	853 00	43 41		896 41			896 41
Peoria	2,007 00	58 07		2,065 07			2,065 07
Rock River	1,087 17	46 50		1,133 67			1,133 67
Springfield	2,242 57	132 75		2,375 32			2,375 32
Rushville	1,077 97	29 00		1,106 97			1,106 97
Synod	10 00		$4,593 00	4,603 00	$ 239 00	$6,595 79	11,437 79
Legacies through Woman's Board						1,526 36	1,526 36
Total	$23,994 82	$4,637 55	$4,593 00	$33,225 37	$ 239 00	$8,122 15	$41,586 52

SUMMARY OF HOME MISSION CONTRIBUTIONS

Woman's Board of Home Missions	$23,994.82	
Churches, S. S., C. E., Etc., direct to the Board	4,637.55	
Synodical Treasurer to the Board	4,593.00	
Total to the Board from Agencies of the Church		$33,225.37
Gifts to the Board from living individuals	239.00	
Gifts to the Board from legacies	8,122.15	
Total to the Board from individuals		$8,361.15
Total to the Board from all sources		$41,586.52

Expended in Presbyterial Work

Missionaries	$41,339.10	
Administration	1,252.49	
	$42,915.59	
Expended in Synodical work including Evangelistic meetings	7,634.03	
Total expended within the Synod		$50,225.62
Total contributed from all sources within the Synod		$91,812.14

STATISTICAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1909

This report is in the form by the Synods conducting their own Home Mission Work.

	Total Synod, 1908.	Total Synod, 1909.	Presbytery of Alton.	Presbytery of Bloomington.	Presbytery of Cairo.	Presbytery of Chicago.	Presbytery of Ewing.	Presbytery of Freeport.	Presbytery of Mattoon.	Presbytery of Ottawa.	Presbytery of Peoria.	Presbytery of Rock River.	Presbytery of Rushville.	Presbytery of Springfield
No. of churches receiving grants of aid	146	133	13	12	15	28	16	3	8	3	8	5	11	11
No. of missions and preaching stations	12	79	18	13	.....	16	.....	4	.....	.....	10	2	16	.....
New Home Mission Churches organized	2	3	1	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New self sustaining churches organized	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Churches reaching self-support	.....	11	3	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	2	2
No. of ordained minsters employed	102	99	11	7	11	28	10	1	7	3	3	3	7	8
No. of other workers employed	8	22	.....	2	.....	13	.....	2	.....	.....	2	.....	2	1
Additions on profession of faith	1,057	1,294	101	75	259	359	81	3	180	20	27	12	42	135
Additions by certificate	480	804	31	16	87	408	21	11	100	6	9	10	25	80
Total membership	10,345	10,004	1,009	697	1,007	3,257	666	158	642	136	654	310	826	612
Adult baptisms	378	499	25	46	56	70	2	2	143	13	14	1	25	102
Infant baptisms	415	315	20	6	16	205	.....	5	19	2	7	1	16	18
New Sabbath Schools organized	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total Sabbath Schools	155	142	13	13	11	25	14	3	8	3	10	5	16	11
Total Sabbath School Membership	15,144	14,267	1,449	845	966	6,125	825	207	848	187	613	420	1,031	751
Amt. raised by aidded Ch's for self-support	$ 55,790	$ 98,237	$ 8,438	$ 2,865	$ 4,080	$ 57,129	$ 4,190	$1,900	$ 5,026	$1,950	$1,400	$2,917	$ 7,442	.....
Amt. raised by aided ch's for beneficence	$ 7,576	$ 7,746	$ 795	$ 392	$ 470	$ 2,777	$ 1,006	$ 125	$ 670	$ 165	$ 105	$ 248	$ 903	.....
No. of Church buildings	146	142	13	13	15	28	16	3	8	3	11	5	16	11
Value of same	$ 513,100	$ 469,700	$ 30,400	$ 29,700	$30,000	$252,500	$25,000	$8,500	$25,700	$8,500	$8,000	.....	$36,400	$15,000
No. of Churches built during the year	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Value of same	.....	$ 1,500	$ 1,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Church debts cancelled to the amount of	$ 1,447	$ 300	.....	.....	.....	.....	$ 100	$ 200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Church buildings enlarged and repaired	9	5	1	.....	.....	.....	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
Cost of such improvements	$ * 4,115	$ 2,635	$ 135	.....	.....	.....	$ 100	$ 100	.....	.....	.....	$1,800	$ 500	.....
Number of manses	43	41	6	4	6	1	5	1	2	2	2	3	5	4
Value of same	$ 59,170	$ 57,350	$ 8,600	$ 6,800	$ 9,500	$ 2,500	$ 4,000	$2,000	$ 3,200	$2,500	$2,500	$5,000	$ 6.750	$ 4,000

Contributions of the Churches to Home Missions for the Year Ending September 30, 1909

Alton Presbytery

Church	Minimum Apportionm't	Gave
Alton, First	$109.20	$189.57
Alton, Twelfth St.	66.60	69.00
Baldwin	25.80	20.00
Belleville	49.20	32.25
Bethalto	4.80	
Bethel	33.60	23.15
Blair	14.10	2.46
Brighton	16.50	19.15
Butler	16.20	
Carlinville	18.30	13.00
Carlyle	13.80	
Carrollton	55.80	95.00
Chester	54.00	25.00
Coffeen	19.80	9.00
Collinsville	33.90	12.00
Donnellson	48.60	8.48
East St. Louis, First	141.30	408.76
East St. Louis, Second	12.90	10.00
East St. Louis, Bond Ave.	2.40	
East St. Louis, Park	22.20	13.11
Ebenezer	20.40	25.00
Edwardsville	33.90	46.00
Girard	22.50	
Granite City	49.20	10.00
Greenfield	22.20	20.60
Greenville	95.70	52.45
Hardin	39.30	40.00
Hillsboro	87.30	62.80
Irving	39.00	
Jerseyville	110.10	113.77
Kampsville	6.60	3.00
Lebanon	12.90	22.90
Liberty Prairie	9.90	3.20
Litchfield	65.40	
Madison	27.00	36.00
Maple Grove	8.40	
Moro	21.30	12.85
Nokomis	32.10	
Palmyra	17.10	
Raymond	28.80	34.90
Rockwood	11.70	3.00
Salem German	19.20	
Sorento	30.90	24.25
Sparta	120.00	65.95
Spring Cove	18.90	4.19
Staunton	12.60	16.00
Steelville	15.00	20.25
Sugar Creek	15.90	1.00
Summit Grove	7.50	5.00
Trenton	27.30	
Troy	28.50	35.50
Unity	18.30	10.00
Upper Alton	39.00	25.00
Virden, First	51.90	93.90
Virden, North	4.20	
Walnut Grove	12.60	
Walnut Hill	3.00	
Walshville	5.40	5.79
Waveland	7.80	7.70
White Hall	48.30	20.00
Witt	21.30	26.76
Woodburn German	15.30	
Yankeetown	4.80	
Zion German	12.60	
	$2060.70	$1817.69

Bloomington Presbytery

Church	Minimum Apportionm't	Gave
Allerton	$ 27.30	$ 8.30
Alvin	3.00	
Bement	96.90	90.00
Bloomington, First	175.80	147.00
Bloomington, Second	247.20	475.00
Bethel	18.00	7.42
Catlin	23.40	5.00
Champaign	159.90	185.01
Cerro Gordo	7.50	5.00
Chenoa	56.40	132.51
Clarence	15.30	
Clinton	154.80	226.45
Colfax	17.70	22.00
Cooksville	29.10	31.28
Danvers	85.50	27.16
Danville, First	177.90	207.55
Danville, Second	30.00	
Danville, Imm'l	81.00	10.25
Danville, Bethany	30.60	17.00
Danville, Olivet	25.50	5.00
DeWit	.60	
Downs	26.40	29.08
Elm Grove	2.40	
El Paso	45.30	383.03
Fairbury	67.20	140.00
Fairmount	19.80	
Farmer City	2.70	
Georgetown	8.40	5.48
Gibson City	130.20	466.00
Gilman	24.60	21.00
Heyworth	70.20	9.00
Highland	11.70	10.00
Homer	58.50	32.99
Hoopeston	91.50	109.25
Jersey	7.80	10.75
LeRoy	97.50	
Lexington	61.80	38.98
Liberty	4.50	
Mahomet	16.50	17.20
Mansfield	28.50	40.00
Monticello	51.60	5.00
Mount Carmel	8.40	7.22
Mt. Pisgah	2.10	
Mt. Pleasant	66.00	70.00
Normal	54.30	42.12
Olive Branch	6.00	
Onarga	69.90	221.00
Paxton	53.40	39.20
Philo	35.40	82.00
Pleasant Ridge	17.70	8.25
Piper City, First	78.90	100.00
Piper City, Second	16.80	12.25
Prairie View	12.60	
Rankin	41.40	47.50
Ridge Farm	27.00	
Rossville	32.70	22.00
Sheldon	33.60	13.30

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
LAKE FOREST

Selma	.30	
Sidney	26.40	
Sheridan	7.50	
Tolono	40.80	125.50
Towanda	19.80	25.31
Urbana	111.90	138.00
Watseka	43.20	42.50
Waynesville	26.70	31.50
Wellington	27.30	
Yankee Point	9.00	
Midland City	14.40	5.50
	$3174.00	$3952.84

Cairo Presbytery

Church	Minimum Apportionm't	Gave
Anna	$ 61.20	$109.55
Ava	18.90	37.50
Bethany		
Bethlehem	12.00	
Cairo	90.60	39.20
Campbell Hill	12.00	13.00
Carbondale	76.50	133.50
Carterville	33.30	28.54
Central (Crossville)	15.00	
Cobden	40.50	
Concord	18.00	
County Line	6.60	
Ebenezer		
Ebenezer (Lick Creek)		
Eldorado	18.00	12.00
Equality	27.00	39.00
Galatia	12.00	20.00
Gilead		
Golconda	22.50	
Good Hope	24.30	
Grand Tower	26.10	26.33
Harrisburg	31.50	
Herrin	25.20	42.00
Lebanon		
Liberty	4.20	
Metropolis	27.00	40.51
Mt. Hebron	9.60	
Mt. Olivet		
Mt. Pleasant	12.00	
Mt. Sterling	6.30	
Murphysboro	117.90	31.00
New Haven	8.40	14.00
New Hope	18.00	5.25
New Liberty	18.60	
New Prospect	13.20	3.40
Oak Grove	37.80	
Old Home	16.50	
Palestine		
Palestine (Omaha)		
Pisgah	23.70	
Pleasant Grove	16.50	30.75
Pleasant Hill	9.30	
Pleasant Ridge		
Providence	7.50	6.50
Ridgeway	20.70	6.95
Ringold		6.90
Saline Mines	12.00	
Shawneetown	48.90	50.00
Sulphur Springs	7.20	
Union		
Union, Norris city		
Union Chapel		
Latham Springs	4.80	
Marion	7.50	12.90
	$1018.80	$708.78

Chicago Presbytery

Church	Gave
Arlington Heights	$145.60
Austin	271.08
Avondale	17.65
Belden Ave.	3.00
Berwyn	54.40
Bethany Pres.	
Bethlehem	33.90
Bethany Union	54.40
Bohemian Mission	
Braidwood	39.00
Brighton Park	
Brookline	121.80
Buckingham	3.00
Buena Memorial	217.06
Cabery	12.60
Calvary	69.60
Campbell Park	37.98
Central Park	60.00
Chicago 1st	961.60
Chicago 2nd	6907.18
Chicago 3rd	809.90
Chicago 4th	4268.08
Chicago 6th	434.33
Chicago 7th	2.10
Chicago 8th	56.29
Chicago 9th	
Chicago 10th	16.26
Chicago 11th	60.40
Chicago 41st St.	375.77
Chicago 52nd Ave.	76.20
Chicago Heights	48.92
Chicago Lawn	9.00
Christ Church	39.60
Crerar	34.72
Church of the Covenant	887.25
Deerfield	
Drexel Park	5.00
Du Page	87.00
Edgewater	108.00
Elwood	
Emerald Ave.	28.00
Emerson St.	3.00
Endeavor Church	22.98
Englewood	62.60
Erie Chapel Church	15.00
Evanston 1st	1248.78
Evanston 2nd	152.62
Faith Church	15.00
Fullerton Ave	76.20
Foster Mission	97.68
Gardner	7.40
Garfield Blvd.	5.05
Grace Church	15.00
Granville Ave.	
Herscher	3.00
Harvey, Ill.	9.90
Highland Park	350.29
Hinsdale	58.69
Homewood	
Hope Church	2.40
Hyde Park	1349.81
Immanuel	12.00
Italian	9.00
Itasca	8.00
Jefferson Park	5.00
Joliet 1st	27.10
Joliet 2nd	
Joliet Central	
Joliet Willow Ave.	18.00
Kenwood	1283.36
Kankakee	327.78
La Grange	63.60

Lake Forest	996.08
Lake View	40.35
Libertyville	16.02
Logan Square	11.40
Manteno	23.04
Marlboro	3.00
Maywood	35.15
Morgan Park	24.60
Millard Ave.	5.22
New Hope (Coal City)	7.80
Normal Park	15.00
Oak Park 1st	1426.80
Oak Park 2nd	33.79
Olivet	122.20
Onward	
Peotone	139.20
Ch. Providence	21.39
Pullman	5.00
Ravenswood	17.62
Ridgeway Ave.	6.00
River Forest	60.30
Riverside	95.00
Roseland	
Roseland Central	
Scotch Westminster	8.40
South Chicago	9.00
South Park	46.80
St. Anne	25.52
Waukegan	6.00
West Division	
Windsor Park	10.47
Wilmington	
Woodlawn Park	583.58
Churches Total	$26,700.73
Miscellaneous	675.90
Bequests, est. H. J. Willing	5,000.00
Cash, Chicago	600.00

Ewing Presbytery

Church	Minimum Apportionm't	Gave
Albion	$ 57.60	$ 70.53
Bridgeport	19.80	31.00
Broughton	7.20	
Burnt Prairie	6.00	
Calvin	3.30	
Carmi	55.50	450.00
Centralia	74.70	20.00
Crossville	4.50	7.50
Duquoin	45.00	86.10
Elm River	8.10	
Enfield	71.70	89.20
Fairfield	26.70	64.00
Flora	40.20	
Friendsville	9.60	2.00
Galum	33.90	67.30
Gilead	2.40	3.50
Good Hope	9.00	12.21
Grayville	21.60	2.75
Kell	4.50	11.35
Kinmundy	10.50	7.82
Lawrenceville	20.70	125.00
Liberty	6.30	6.00
McLeansboro	21.30	31.94
Mt. Carmel	51.60	80.00
Mt. Olivet	18.30	33.25
Mt. Moriah		
Mt. Nebo	3.60	
Mt. Vernon	69.00	83.64
Mt. Oval	15.00	
Mt. Olive	8.40	4.50
Nashville	21.00	21.28
New Bethal	7.20	6.00
Norris City	18.00	17.75
Oak Grove		
Odin	9.30	12.50
Olney	52.50	88.00
Patoka		
Pisgah	32.70	30.00
Richland	9.30	11.00
Salem	45.00	21.55
Sumner	16.20	60.00
Tamaroa	26.40	31.74
Union	9.00	4.00
Union (Golden Gate)	3.00	
Union Ridge	30.00	
Wabash	31.80	33.00
Zion	24.00	22.00
	$1061.40	$1648.41

Freeport Presbytery

Church	Minimum Apportionm't	Gave
Apple River	$ 10.80	$ 12.00
Belvidere	104.70	34.00
Cedarville	25.20	27.50
Dakota	24.30	27.00
Elizabeth	22.20	37.26
Forreston	32.40	
Freeport First	128.40	175.00
Freeport Second	128.40	156.00
Galena First	53.40	120.68
Galena German	16.50	37.18
Galena South	55.50	
Hanover	40.20	54.00
Harvard	36.30	15.22
Linn-Hebron	36.00	33.00
Marengo	94.80	36.77
Middle Creek	35.40	45.05
Oregon	33.60	
Prairie Dell	15.90	20.00
Ridgefield	22.80	21.00
Rockford First	183.30	252.76
Dockford Westminster	98.10	101.05
Savanna	34.20	28.95
Scales Mound	17.70	10.00
Warren	31.50	8.88
Willow Creek	109.80	116.37
Winnebago	60.30	146.85
Woodstock	49.80	15.00
Zion (Schapville)	28.80	26.00
	$1533.60	$1557.52

Mattoon Presbytery

Church	Minimum Apportionm't	Gave
Altamont	23.40	17.00
Arcola	$ 27.60	$20.31
Ashmore	23.40	6.75
Ashmore (A)	39.00	
Assumption	38.10	42.75
Beckwith Prairie	15.00	14.50
Bethany (Assumption)	6.00	82.04
Bethany (A)	79.20	
Bethel (Arcola)	13.20	9.00
Casey	26.40	7.65
Charleston Central	28.20	53.00
Charleston First	142.50	75.00
Chrisman	11.70	11.70
Dalton City	20.70	19.70
Effingham	60.30	12.00
Fairfield	15.00	
Farina	15.30	15.36
Gays	11.10	9.90

Good Prospect	15.00	
Grand View	20.70	15.22
Greenup	22.50	21.50
Kansas	42.90	60.00
Kaskaskia	6.60	
LaFayette	19.80	
Lebanon	8.40	
Lerna	18.00	5.00
Loogootee	11.10	
Loxa	20.40	5.00
McCown	.90	
Marshall		3.20
Mattoon Broadway	57.90	
Mattoon First	132.30	51.50
Moweaqua	19.80	19.80
Neoga	75.00	78.92
Newton	24.60	10.00
Newman	33.00	18.70
New Providence	11.40	11.40
New Providence (A)	24.00	
Oakland	42.60	27.00
Palestine	36.60	18.54
Pana	71.40	9.71
Paris	148.80	177.81
Pleasant Prairie	11.40	20.00
Rardin	30.00	3.50
Robinson	48.00	51.00
St. Omer	12.00	3.00
Shelbyville	66.60	75.00
Shepla	7.50	
Shiloh (Janesville)	9.00	9.00
Sullivan	32.10	40.61
Toledo	22.80	33.76
Tower Hill	25.50	15.00
Tuscola	63.90	37.31
Union (Hindsborough)		
Union (Rardin)	7.50	
Vandalia	61.20	24.07
Watson	12.30	12.30
West Okaw	11.40	25.00
White Hall (Neoga)	7.50	7.50
Willow Creek	30.00	
Windsor	10.50	10.00
Woods Chapel (Neoga)	12.90	14.30
	$1918.50	$1371.01

Ottawa Presbytery

Church	Minimum Apportionm't	Gave
Aurora	$153.90	$61.95
AuSable Grove	44.70	62.50
Brookfield	12.30	24.62
Cayuga	1.80	
Earlville	28.20	10.00
Elgin	67.50	50.30
Florid	9.00	10.60
Grand Ridge	87.00	24.00
Kings	13.50	18.00
Mendota	75.60	20.00
Meriden	1.50	
Minonk	29.40	52.02
Morris	57.90	25.00
Oswego	30.30	
Ottawa	82.50	89.60
Ottawa South	3.00	
Paw Paw	34.20	45.00
Pontiac	138.00	78.70
Reading	9.60	9.02
Rochelle	63.30	120.00
Sandwich	66.60	70.00
Streator	154.20	10.00
Troy Grove	15.30	16.70
Union Grove	.90	
Waltham	44.40	15.00
Waterman	36.90	39.00
Wenona	34.00	64.42
	$1315.50	$906.43

Peoria Presbytery

Alta	$6.90	
Altona	30.30	
Astoria	6.00	1.00
Banner (Glasford)	27.00	12.00
Brunswick (Trivoli)	5.10	16.00
Canton	114.00	14.29
Crow Meadow (La Rose)	5.70	11.00
Delavan	81.00	180.00
Elmira	81.00	101.96
Elmwood	44.70	36.50
Eureka	48.30	14.00
Farmington	62.70	125.00
French Grove	15.30	
Galesburg	161.40	117.58
Green Valley	45.00	45.00
Henry	34.20	59.95
Hopedale	30.60	25.00
Ipava	51.60	17.90
Isabel (Ipava)	15.60	28.00
Knoxville	87.00	91.55
Lewistown	93.90	54.58
Limestone (Hanna City)	8.10	25.00
Oneida	36.30	34.75
Peoria First	161.70	247.10
Peoria Second	93.60	211.27
Peoria Arcadia Ave.	49.50	91.25
Peoria Bethel	66.00	34.02
Peoria Calvary	132.30	55.08
Peoria First German	9.90	
Peoria Grace	77.10	55.00
Peoria Westminster	49.50	16.02
Pottstown	3.60	
Princeville	42.00	102.66
Prospect (Dunlap)	33.60	18.50
Salem	27.00	25.00
Table Grove	21.60	22.00
Union (Atlanta)	27.30	14.00
Vermont	11.70	
Washington	35.70	6.00
Yates City	42.00	12.98
	$1976.70	$1922.54

Rock River Presbytery

Church	Minimum Apportionm't	Gave
Albany	$ 21.60	$25.20
Aledo	140.10	136.25
Alexis	65.40	50.00
Arlington	10.80	17.95
Ashton	36.00	18.46
Beulah	12.00	14.00
Buffalo Prairie	9.90	9.90
Center (Seaton)	63.00	140.00
Coal Valley	17.10	23.00
Dixon	84.00	45.00
Edgington	20.40	54.00
Fulton	39.00	35.00
Franklin Grove	27.00	12.00
Garden Plain	18.00	26.00
Geneseo	40.50	14.11
Hamlet	32.10	52.45
Keithsburg	39.90	6.00
Joy	29.40	45.00
Kewanee	95.70	13.00
Ladd	18.60	.77
Milan	39.30	38.00

Millersburg	27.00	6.00
Morrison	92.10	500.37
Munson	3.30	
Newton	26.70	34.56
Norwood	54.00	72.00
Peniel	33.90	58.92
Perryton	21.00	10.00
Pleasant Ridge	16.20	4.00
Princeton	79.80	109.45
Rock Island Broadway	178.20	187.66
Rock Island Central	60.00	15.00
Spring Valley	14.40	14.45
Sterling	114.90	411.90
Viola	37.50	86.00
Woodhull	43.50	20.41
	$1662.30	$2306.81

Rushville Presbytery

Church	Minimum Apportionm't	Gave
Appanoose (Niota	$ 41.10	$37.00
Argyle (Colchester)	18.90	16.00
Augusta	57.00	58.00
Bardolph	25.80	31.00
Baylis	7.80	10.40
Bethel (Hamilton)	65.10	20.00
Biggsville	28.20	5.00
Brooklyn	13.20	10.00
Bushnell	94.80	50.00
Burton Me'l. Quincy	12.30	20.00
Camp Creek, Macomb	55.50	45.00
Camp Point	33.00	11.92
Carthage	150.60	208.80
Clayton	24.00	18.00
Chili, Bowen	9.00	24.00
Damon Chapel, Damon	6.00	
Doddsville	11.40	41.00
Elvaston	42.90	45.30
Ebenezer, Macomb	27.60	11.75
Ellington	18.30	25.00
Fairmount, Baylis	6.60	8.80
F't'n. Gr'n, Carthage	30.30	
Good Hope	34.20	14.54
Hersman	35.70	15.00
Huntsville	6.00	16.35
Kirkwood	61.20	
Liberty	8.10	10.80
Lee, Timewell	12.00	44.35
Macomb (C. P.)	56.10	11.00
Macomb	210.00	334.81
Monmouth	222.00	252.80
Mt. Carmel, Colchester	19.50	20.00
Mt. Horeb, Golden	9.60	4.00
Mt. Sterling	45.60	100.00
Nauvoo	9.90	
New Salem	14.40	11.00
Olive, Mt. Sterling	20.10	28.50
Oquawka	45.00	67.00
Perry	18.90	29.22
Pnt. Pleasant, Roseville	9.00	
Pontoosuc	20.40	27.20
Plymouth	16.50	
Prairie City	37.80	21.23
Quincy First	129.60	201.88
Rushville	85.80	117.00
Salem Ger., Warsaw	20.70	
Sugar Creek, Adair	14.70	12.10
Warsaw	31.50	
W. Prairie, Vermont	34.50	46.50
Wythe, Warsaw	22.80	33.00
	$2031.00	$2115.25

Springfield Presbytery

Church	Minimum Apportionm't	Gave
Arenzville	$15.00	
Argenta	37.20	$15.00
Auburn	36.30	31.75
Bates	16.20	27.66
Beason	7.20	5.50
Bethlehem, Decatur	22.50	
Blue Mound	28.80	
Buffalo Hart	19.50	10.00
Chatham	9.00	2.64
Cisco	25.50	41.18
Concord, Petersburg	12.00	
Decatur	270.90	340.00
Decatur, (A)	205.50	125.00
Decatur, Westminster	20.10	16.43
Divernon	56.10	54.50
Fancy Prairie	12.30	
Farmington	26.10	15.50
Greenview	51.30	53.00
Irish Grove	42.90	
Jacksonville, State St.	160.50	70.00
Jacksonville, Westminster	96.30	158.63
Jacksonville, Northminster	106.80	32.12
Lebanon, Athens	15.30	10.00
Lincoln	120.60	129.21
Lincoln Hill, Lincoln	10.50	
Macon	53.40	11.76
Madison, (Boody)	7.20	
Maroa	60.00	133.00
Manchester	8.70	
Mason City	76.20	109.00
Middletown	26.10	65.75
Morrisonville	58.80	54.70
Mt. Zion	62.70	14.30
Murrayville	7.80	
New Hope, Mt. Zion	7.50	3.00
New Holland	12.60	
North Fork	16.80	
N. Sangamon, Athens	38.40	5.00
Pawnee	30.00	19.20
Petersburg	54.00	173.83
Petersburg, Main St.	30.90	
Pisgah, Orleans	22.30	6.38
Pleasant Plains	26.10	
Providence, Cass Co.	8.70	
Providence, Sangamon Co.	12.00	
Rock Creek, Petersburg	62.40	25.00
Sangamon Bottom, Virginia	19.20	8.48
Shady Grove, Decatur	9.00	
Shiloh, Virginia	2.10	1.00
Smyrna, Laomi	10.80	6.00
Springfield, First	193.20	372.92
Springfield, Second	188.10	171.96
Springfield, Third	60.00	25.00
Springfield, Fourth	18.90	
Springfield, Fifth	11.70	12.40
Sugar Creek	15.00	5.31
Sweetwater	20.40	5.47
Talllua	14.40	1.12
Taylorville	90.00	20.00
Unity, Woodson	48.00	46.27
Virginia	63.60	55.00
Virginia Central	39.90	
Williamsville (B. H.)	15.60	20.00
Winchester	42.00	
	$2968.80	$2515.37

RESOLUTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS

We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. WHEREAS, The increasing opportunities and needs of our Home Missionary enterprises call for larger financial support, and

WHEREAS, The offerings from our churches are not sufficient to meet these pressing needs; therefore we urge our churches to contribute such sums as would be worthy of this great cause.

2. We heartily endorse the plan of a personal canvass for individual subscriptions for all the Church Boards and benevolences upon the basis recommended by the General Assembly, and as agreed upon by the representatives of the various Boards at their joint meeting held July 27, 1909, and set forth in their circular to the churches.

3. Presbyterial Committees on Home Missions are urged to pay into the treasury of the Synodical Committee on Home Missions, aside from their appropriations to the Synodical work, ten per cent of the gross receipts for Home Missions; these amounts to be forwarded directly by the Synodical Treasurer, to meet our obligations to the General Assembly's Board of Home Missions.

4. The Board of Missions among the Freedmen is heartily commended to the generosity of the churches of this Synod.

5. The proposition of the General Assembly, to have this Synod unite with others in establishing an Advisory Council of Church Extension, is commended to the favorable action of the Committee on Bills and Overtures in order that the subject may be duly considered and reported for the decision of Synod at this meeting.

T. D. LOGAN.
Chairman.

Recess was taken until 1:30 p. m.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 1:30 o'clock.

Synod opened with a devotional service conducted by Elder Henry S. Osborne.

Rev. W. E. Spoonts, of Bloomington Presbytery, was appointed Vice-Moderator.

The following were appointed a committee to nominate members of Permanent Committees and Trustees of Synod: Revs. R. F. Cressey, J. W. McDonald, Marion Humphreys, and Elders H. A. DuBois and S. S. Anderson.

Mr. Thomas Hall spoke further on the work of the Executive Commission and was questioned concerning the consolidation of the Boards.

Upon motion Synod voted to request the Executive Commission of the General Assembly to print a synopsis of their views and plans with reference to Board consolidation, and send the same down to the Presbyteries, asking them to hold informal conferences upon the question and report, that the mind of the Church may be obtained.

The following resolution was also adopted:

That Synod does hereby express its hearty approval of the efforts of the Executive Commission along these lines, and its earnest hope that some practical plan of Board consolidation may be found.

Rev. J. R. Sutherland addressed Synod in behalf of the Ministerial Sustentation Fund.

Rev. Robert M. Stevenson spoke in the interest of the Board of College Aid.

Rev. George W. Sheldon, of the Synod of Tennessee, addressed Synod upon the situation in that Synod and upon motion the following resolution was adopted:

That Synod does hereby express its hearty approval of the action of the General Assembly upon this phase of the Tennessee situation, *i. e.*, the raising of a special fund of one hundred thousand dollars by the Church at large for the work in the Synod of Tennessee.

The report of the Committee on the Youth of Church was presented by Rev. J. W. McDonald. The report and recommendations were adopted except No. 3, which was referred to the Finance Committee. The report was as follows:

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH OF THE CHURCH, SYNOD OF ILLINOIS, OCTOBER, 1909.

History teaches that it is suicidal for a nation to neglect its youth. This is equally true of the church. Know what a denomination is doing for its children and young people and you can very accurately read its future. When at critical points in the history of Germany and Japan these nations felt that they were not able to cope with their enemies, they deliberately set about training a generation who could cope with these enemies. Why should not the church do this? No amount of spectacular work among older people can take the place of carefully planned and wisely directed work among our youth.

A farmer had two fields, one very fertile with a possible yield of 60 bushels per acre, the other very poor with a possible yield of only 10 bushels per acre. This foolish farmer neglected the fertile field and

gave most of his attention to the poor one. The church makes the same mistake when it neglects its youth. Reformation is important, but formation is much more important. When we face the problems of the local church or of the general enterprises of the denomination, we are driven back for their final solution to the proper training of the men and women of tomorrow. They must take up the work when we lay it down. Apart from them we cannot succeed.

The Christian church is an organization; if effective, it must be composed of and promoted by intelligent members. Are we doing as much to train churchmen as the state is to train citizens? It is easy to show that the school and the home of today are neglecting the moral and spiritual training of our youth; but is the church doing its duty at this point? When the church seriously sets itself to train its youth, both the home and the school will be affected by the movement. Certainly we cannot depend upon school or home to develop the churchmen of tomorrow. The church must train churchmen; and the Presbyterian church must train Presbyterian churchmen.

What is the Synod of Illinois doing toward the solution of this problem? True, we have a committee on Christian Education to influence our colleges, but only a small minority of our youth will ever enter college, either church school or state university. What *can* the Synod do toward the development of our Presbyterian youth? All our pastors must set themselves to this task. The local church of course must do the larger part of the work. However, Synod can unify and promote a movement to the end.

Your committee on youth of the church has, from year to year, gathered statistics and from these reported existing conditions. This is helpful as far as it goes, but it goes a very little way toward remedying matters. Your committees on home missions and foreign missions are not content to gather statistics and report conditions. They study conditions, lay their plans, and conduct a vigorous movement for the bettering of existing conditions. Does Synod really believe that the problem of developing our young people is less important than other enterprises? We are not criticising former committees. They have been asked to make brick without straw. The present organization for this work is so loosely put together that it is impossible to get even the bare statistical reports.

Synod has one committee on youth of the church, covering Sunday schools and young people's societies. Five of your Presbyteries have these committees combined, while seven have them separate. There should be uniformity. Synod's committee seems to be appointed at random without any reference to the men who are interested in this work in the Presbyteries. The committee should be composed of the Presbyterial chairmen of this work. There should be some provision made for the committee to have a meeting, when this branch of your work

could be carefully considered and plans laid for its direction. Conferences should be held in each Presbytery, bringing the weaker churches into contact with the methods and life of the stronger churches. Such a committee could bring all the churches in the state into closer touch with the board of Sabbath school and young people's work.

This Board has entered on a new era. Dr. Henry, its secretary, says in a recent letter, "heretofore our efforts have been directed mainly along missionary lines and for mission schools, but we have now entered upon an aggressive educational campaign which will include all the Sunday schools throughout our church. In fact, every Sunday school may now look to our Board for the help and inspiration needed in bringing its work up to an efficient standard." To this end a series of excellent pamphlets on methods covering every phase of Sunday school work have been prepared and can be had for the asking. Improved lesson helps are offered for all ages from the new graded lessons for elementary departments to the new helps for adult Bible classes.

The young people's department of this Board is equipped to assist all young people's organizations. Rev. Willis L. Gelston has shown himself the right man for his position. He is endeavoring to assist us in training Presbyterian young people. This department serves as a bureau of information for all young people's organizations. It supplies helpful literature without charge, it conducts several summer conferences. Fifty young people from Illinois attended the conference at Winona last summer. The Board and the young people's department deserve the hearty support of all our pastors.

The statistical reports received are not sufficient to give an intelligent view of the work throughout the state. However, they are sufficient to show that in many of our congregations the young people and children are well cared for. They also show that some Presbyteries are endeavoring to give this work careful direction. More Sunday schools seem to have contributed to the Boards than in former years. There also seems to be an increase in the number of young people's societies making offerings to the Boards. The largest of these offerings goes to foreign missions with home missions a close second.

The committee recommends:

1. That Synod's committee on the Youth of the Church be composed of the chairmen of the Presbyterial committees on Young People's Societies and Sunday School Work.

2. That this committee be instructed, after a preliminary study of the field, to hold a meeting giving careful consideration to the problems involved in its work.

3. That Synod's treasurer be instructed to pay $100.00 toward the expenses of this committee.

4. That we heartily endorse the educational work undertaken by the Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work, and urge pastors and Sunday school superintendents to avail themselves of the assistance thus offered them.

5. That we urge all young people's societies and pastors, even though their young people are not organized, to keep in close touch with the young people's department of this Board; to co-operate with its superintendent, in his effort to train up the generation of intelligent Presbyterian laymen. To this end the young people of this Synod should be well represented at the conference for Presbyterian young people held at Winona next Summer.

6. That churches, Sunday schools, and young people's societies be asked to give financial support to the Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work.

J. W. McDonald, *Chairman.*

The report of the Committee on General Church Work was presented by Rev. C. S. Adams, and on motion received. Pending adoption of the recommendations, Synod was addressed by Rev. E. R. Worrell, in behalf of the General Assembly's Committee on Temperance; by Rev. J. F. Horton, Secretary of the American Bible Society; and by Rev. D. J. McMillan in behalf of the Board of Church Erection. Following is the report in full, its further consideration being suspended by the order of the day:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GENERAL CHURCH WORK.

The Committee on General Church Work presents the following report on some of the practical measures referred to it, among which is

I. Systematic Benevolences

The attention of the Synod is directed to the fact that by the action of the General Assembly, the work of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence is to be taken up by the Executive Commission as soon as practicable, without affecting the progress of the work, and the Committee on Systematic Beneficence discontinued.

While the Benevolences of the entire church during the last year averaged $3.14 per member, the Synod of Illinois gave $3.52 per member, an excess of $1.37 per member over two years ago.

In the order of Presbyteries, Chicago and Peoria gave more per member to all of the Boards than the average per member by the Synod, and these Presbyteries with Rock River Presbytery, gave a larger average than the entire church. The Chicago Presbytery stands first in the Synod, with an average offering of $6.56 per member to all the Boards, a

remarkable increase of $2.96 over the previous year. Peoria Presbytery comes next with an average offering to all the Boards of $3.66 per member; then follows Rock River with $3.20, Bloomington $3.00, Springfield $2.35, Freeport $2.23, Rushville $2.03, Ottawa $1.68, Mattoon $1.39, Ewing $1.47, Alton $1.35 and Cairo $1.33.

With such a splendid increase in benevolences in our Synod, let us not be content till every church gives to all of the Boards of our Church. There were 95 Churches in the Synod that gave nothing to any of the Church Boards last year. Most of these Churches of course are small, and without pastors and do not have the expense of keeping up regular services, but this should not excuse them from giving to the Boards of the Church.

Your Committee recommends the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. That all Presbyteries below the average offering $3.52 per member to all the Boards, be encouraged to reach the Synod's standard.

2. That in the interests of the Forward Movement of Christian giving, the scriptural basis of the Tithe be presented by the pastors to their Churches.

3. That all Presbyterial Committees on Systematic Beneficence exercise special diligence either by correspondence or visitation of vacant Churches, to secure offerings for all the Boards.

4. That as early as practicable, all our churches be urged to adopt the Budget plan for the Benevolences, thus placing this important part of our church work, above the usual spasmodic and shiftless way of giving, by a method reasonable, and consistent with the greater opportunities and the present demands that come to us for Christian service to the world.

II. Ministerial Relief

While it is encouraging that the receipts of this Board are annually increasing, it is a startling fact that only six Synods contribute more to this Board than they drew out for those under their care. The great Synod of Illinois standing so near the head of the roll of Synods in numbers, wealth and power, was not one of the six which can claim the blessing of giving more than of receiving. 267 Churches in our Synod gave nothing to Ministerial Relief, and 354 Churches gave but $6,608 while the Presbyteries of our Synod expended all this and $8,184 more, money that other Presbyteries gave, a total of $14,792 to aid those under our care.

Again this Board has upon the roll 1,118 names. This is the largest number the Board has ever had on its roll, there being 130 new names added this past year. Of these names 224 are ministers who have been more than 30 years in the ministry, their average age being 77, and the average time they have been in the ministry, 48 years. Think of it! What a

glorious company! Were these veterans of an earthly warfare, the nation would pour out its wealth and give its best for their comfort, but leaders in the Church of Jesus Christ, almost a half century in the glorious warfare of the Gospel are utterly ignored by 4,637 Churches in our great denomination, of which 267 Churches are in our Synod. These facts and figures are both interesting and suggestive. They are suggestive of conditions in the Church which excite our sympathies, and at the same time arouse our indignation. It is pitiful to think that 1118 families are absolutely dependent upon the Board for support to finish out their days after the faithful service of years in our beloved Church.

In view of these facts, we recommend the following resolutions:

1. That inasmuch as, from the very nature of this Board, its claims should rally the laymen of the Church, the Synod urges the eldership to present this cause to all the people in all the Churches of the Synod.

2. That the ideals and plans of the Ministerial Sustenation Fund be recommended to our Church.

III. Temperance Reform

With profound gratitude to Almighty God for the great progress that has been made during the past year in restricting and prohibiting the sale of strong drink, we call the attention of the Synod to the fact that 37 counties, 23 cities, and 1700 towns in our beloved state are free from the curse of the licensed saloon. These are days of growing public sentiment against the drink traffic, a sentiment which is the fruitage of temperance teaching in our day and Sabbath schools, and of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, our own Temperance Committee, and the Anti-Saloon League. These are days when our civil courts are giving stronger decisions against the Saloon interests, public officials are more courageous in enforcing laws, and business interests and corporations with industrial unions and great benevolent associations take advanced positions against the drunk-making and crime-producing business of the world. For these great victories we must thank the temperance forces of the federated Churches of our state, in that splendid organization known as the Anti-Saloon League; while at the same time our own Temperance Committees have done a work quiet but effective along the same line.

There is always the danger of over-confidence after a great victory; let us remember then that the Saloon interests are persevering, and that in these coming months before the spring election the battle of the Home vs. the Saloon must be fought over again, in many places. Let us also feel the shame that must come to every true citizen of our State when he realizes that our greatest city, one whose enterprise and power has placed it among the cities of the world is in the complete power of the liquor interests, and whose Mayor refuses to enforce the State Law regarding closing the Saloons on the Sabbath, which he vowed to support and to enforce.

We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. That the Synod expresses its regret that our National House of Representatives has not enacted Federal Laws which will prevent the shipping of original packages of intoxicating liquors into prohibition territory.

2. The Synod most heartily commends the Anti-Saloon League, the Committee on Temperance, and all other organizations of like character for the good work done the past year, and recommends that an offering be taken in all of our Churches for the Anti-Saloon League and for our General Assembly's Committee on Temperance.

3. The Synod disapproves of all efforts put forth to repeal the Laws requiring Temperance Instruction in our Public Schools, and approves of the observance of a Temperance Day in our Churches, at which time the children of our congregations shall be urged to sign the Temperance Pledge.

Resolved, That this Synod urges its pastors and sessions to maintain in our churches and Sabbath Schools public testimony against the sale of cigarettes to boys in their formative years, inasmuch as the cigarette habit fastens the appetite for narcotic drugs upon them, and, as the records of juvenile courts reveal, early inducts them into a career of crime; further, we suggest that material for intelligent opposition to this evil may be obtained from the Anti-Cigarette League, 1119 Woman's Temple, Chicago.

IV. Church Erection

More than one-third of the Churches of our Synod, or 263 out of the 621 churches, gave nothing to the work of this Board the past year. If it be true that all our Churches have received aid in the building of Church edifices and Manses from this Board in the years past, then it follows that these 263 Churches have either forgotten, or neglected, or been unable to express their loyalty to the Board whence came their help. As expressed in the General Assembly's Report, "This is a mighty and materialistic age. The wealth and the power of the world flaunts its supremacy before God's people as never before. The consecration and faith of the Cathedral builders is more needed today than ever it was in the Middle Ages. As our great cities rear the walls of their mammoth steel-ribbed structures to the skies, shall the Church shrink back, hoveled, unspired, outclassed, apologetic?"

We submit two resolutions:

1. That the Permanent Committees on Church Erection urge delinquent Churches to meet their stipulated obligations, namely:

   (a) To take at least an annual collection for this Board.

   (b) To pay promptly the principle and interest on their loans when due.

(c) To keep the Churches, which have any financial obligations to this Board insured in its favor.

2. Sympathizing with our Brethren in Tennessee who have lately been deprived of their church properties, we commend their spirit, the spirit of the old Covenanters, in Christian heroism, and urge every Church within our Synod to receive an offering towards the General Assembly's Special Tennessee Building Fund at as early a date as possible.

V. American Bible Society.

1. The Synod calls the especial attention of the churches to the American Bible Society, which has always been the effective servant and fellow-helper of all our missionary agencies. It being the agency by which our Church in common with many others, acts in securing the translation, publication, and distribution of the Holy Scriptures both at home and abroad.

2. The Synod heartily commends the Northwestern Agency of the American Bible Society, whose headquarters are at Chicago, for its effective work of Bible distribution among the foreign-speaking people of this state.

3. We rejoice that Mrs. Russell Sage, of New York, has offered the society $500,000 on condition that a like sum be secured before December 31, 1909—the whole to constitute a perpetual endowment of a million dollars—and urge that each church, if possible, make a special contribution to this fund before the close of the year.

VI. Sabbath Observance.

The battle to maintain the American Christian Sabbath becomes more aggressive with each passing year. Concentrated opposition from interests opposed to Christian institutions has had a temporary victory in some of our largest cities. Believing that Sabbath observance will never be settled till it is settled right, and pledging ourselves to the battle for an American Christian Sabbath we call the pastors of our churches to rally every force possible for the contest. Be it

Resolved, 1. That we strongly urge the sacred character of the Sabbath to be maintained carefully and sacredly as a Holy Day, enjoining all officers and members of our Presbyterian Church to exercise special care in refraining from travel, social visiting, excursions, amusements or anything that takes from the sacredness of this day of rest and worship.

2. That we hereby reiterate our emphatic condemnation of the Sunday newspaper, and we urge the members of our Church to refuse to subscribe for it, or to read it, or to advertise in it.

3. That we sympathize with, and pledge ourselves to unite with, labor organizations, and associations in discouraging all forms of labor not absolutely necessary on the Sabbath Day, and we heartily endorse the

plan of the Saturday half-holiday and see in this a promise of better observance of the Sabbath.

C. S. Adams, *Chairman.*

Rev. W. A. Bodell presented the report of the Committee on the Spiritual Life of the Church Within the Bounds of Synod, which was adopted as follows:

THE SPIRITUAL LIFE OF THE CHURCH

In accordance with Standing Rule Number Nine, of the Synod of Illinois, I submit the report of the committee on the Spiritual Life of the Church within the bounds of Synod.

According to this rule, this committee shall present the religious condition of the churches and their needs, and shall have charge of the Evangelistic and other movements looking to the spiritual life of the church, so far as these pertain to the synod.

To tabulate the exact state of the Spiritual life of the church is a difficult task, for it cannot always be estimated in numbers. Figures are sometimes made to lie. Neither is it represented by the amount of current expenses; for some of the churches expending the largest amounts to maintain themselves, seem to be the most barren in that fruitage which is an evidence of spirituality. Nor is it to be guessed at by the amount of machinery a church has on exhibition. Belting on more machinery may only consume the strength and power of the church without turning out that product for which the church exists. A large membership cannot always be taken as a criterion by which to judge of the spiritual life of the church, for sometimes it comes to pass that people join a church in great numbers because popularity appealed to them more than spirituality, and a congenial social atmosphere was more attractive to them than the spirit of religion; and people followed the multitude more than they followed Christ.

Nor can it be represented always by the amount of the Benevolences of a church; for these may be given because it is in the program of the church; or because other churches do it, and it would put them in a bad light if they did not do it: or it may be done in a spirit of vying more than in a spirit of love of Christ. We are not saying that giving, even from these lower motives, is not better than not giving at all; all we are saying is that it it not necessarily a sign of the spiritual life of a church, and that is the subject with which we are concerned at the present.

But as we do not know the fields, and since the very incomplete figures furnished us are all we have to guide us, we will do the best we can to give at least an adequate state of the Spiritual Life of the church within the bounds of the Synod.

If the way the temporalities of the church are cared for is any measure of the spiritual life of the church, then indeed it must be very good; for it is the almost unanimous answer of the churches of the Synod that the financial obligations of the churches are looked after with fidelity. If the ancient charge against Jeshurun, that he waxed fat and kicked, cannot be made against the church, then the spiritual state of most of our churches is excellent.

It is a source of gratification that the churches of the Synod look after their financial interests so well; for a church that does not meet its financial obligations must be crippled in its spiritual work. The churches that are in the best condition spiritually are usually in the best shape financially. The Lord's work needs money as well as grace; and as a church which has money and not grace must be sadly crippled, so a church which has grace and no money will be crippled. Such a church will be like a boat with one oar; it makes progress with difficulty, it goes zig-zag, or moves in a circle, or is left to drift. Grace and money are like faith and works; the one without the other is dead. But in many of our churches it seems that the amount of money used is disproportionate with the advanced state of grace; and some that have the most money, judging from results, seem to have the least grace. I should say what our churches need is not less money, but more grace.

Benevolences:—The Benevolences of the church are a better measure of the spiritual life of the church. The ordinary finances of the church may sometimes be kept up through selfishness, or through pride, but the benevolences partake more of the spirit of Christ. The local expenses may be kept up merely to be ministered unto, while the benvolences are given to minister unto.

And here from the reports of the Presbyteries there is encouragement, for despite the financial depression during the past year, none report loss and some report gain. While with few exceptions the churches give to home and foreign missions and while in foreign missions we are yet far below the Denver Plan, the movement in the Synod to reach it is making progress. And while the amount given is disproportionate to the wealth represented we rejoice that progress is being made.

Church Organizations:—If Church organizations are any signs of growth, then the church is spreading itself like a "green bay-tree." If sprouts are any indication of life, then surely we have it in abundance, for organizations, and clubs, and leagues, and societies are putting forth in abundance. In the reports there are Y. P. S. C. E.'s, Junior and Senior, and Brotherhoods, and Westminister Leagues, and Men's Clubs, and Guilds, and Athletic Clubs, and Boy's Congress of Missions, and Men's Bible Classes, and the Women's Societies, and the Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies, and Home Missionary Societies, and King's Daughters.—

societies initialed from A. B. C. to almost X. Y. Z. until the preacher locks his jaw and loops his tongue in trying to announce them. But while sprouts are a sign of life they are not always a sign of fruitfulness. The life is sometimes wild and abortive. The life that directed into fruitful channels is used up in the fruitless sprouts; and instead of being fruit-channels is used up in the fruitless sprouts; and instead of being fruit-bearing branches they become life-draining suckers. And judging from the reports, I fear this is the case with many of the societies; instead of adding any real strength to the church they are using up the strength of the church. The belting on of new machinery in a factory is good if it helps to turn out the product for which the factory exists, but if it merely uses up the power of the factory then it ought to be abandoned. Yet in a great many instances these societies are a great help to the churches. Even if they are not fruitful in any definite spiritual results, they have a place and serve a purpose; they give an appearance of growth even if it is nothing but sprouts; but sprouts look better than a desert, and greenness is prettier than bareness. The multiplication of societies often gives the appearance of activity, even if the machinery is kept running merely to exhibit the intricacy of its mechanism. The brotherhoods have been a help to the church socially, and that is an advantage, for our religious life is bound up with the social. They have in a way attached some men to the church that would otherwise have no part in it; and it is better merely to be attached than to be utterly detached. How to spiritualize the Brotherhood of the church is one of its great problems. Above everything else the various Bible Classes are doing it. The reason why so many men are void of spiritual life is because they are ignorant of scriptural knowledge; the reason they have so little of the Spirit of the Lord is because they have so little knowledge of the Word of the Lord. If I were to make a suggestion, I would say, let us have, not less banquets and suppers, but more Bible Classes.

Special mention ought to be made of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies. It is the universal expression where they are mentioned that they have been a great help to the church.

The items which more directly indicate the spiritual life of the churches are Family Religion, Candidates for the Ministry, and Additions to membership on Confession of Faith. As to the first:

Family Religion—judging from reports, there is very little of it. In one presbytery only nine churches speak hopefully of the matter; (and in most of the presbyteries nothing is said about it,) while some of the pastors say, "Do not know," "very few," and others say they find only a family here and there that clings to the traditions of the fathers, while others say "in the homes of the elders," and many make no reply at all.

What shall we expect of churches where the fires have died down to smouldering embers on the family altars, or are dead altogether leaving

only a few grey ashes behind as a sign that they ever burned at all. To many they are sacred ashes, but that is all.

When God started a nation He began with the home. That is the corner-stone of all permanent government. He began with Abraham; and why He began with him is plain: "For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him."

If the principles underlying our government, and upon which it was founded are to be kept inviolate, they must be inculcated in the home. Lawlessness in the home may mean anarchy in the state. If the alien influences that are pouring in upon us are to be counteracted; if the lawlessness that comes from foreign influences is to be stemmed; if intemperance, and gambling, and Sabbath desecration are to be curtailed there needs to be a different discipline and a different example and a different atmosphere in many of our homes. If the coming generation is to be more religious and patriotic, it will not be because of better schools and better teaching, not because of better churches and better preaching, valuable as these may be; but it will be because these will be supplemented by discipline and true piety in the home. There is nothing that so gathers up and focuses piety as the family altar. One of the most pitiful sights under heaven is our Pagan homes which bear the names of Christian, where they would resent the name of Pagan, but where there is no altar to indicate that they are Christian. Pastors and elders ought, by teaching and example, to encourage this almost lost art of the righteous.

Candidates for the Ministry:—As to the second—The number of candidates for the ministry, is as some of the reports say, "Deplorable," "lamentable," "discouraging." The highest number of candidates in any one presbytery is Chicago with one hundred churches, which has twenty-three; but this doubtless is due to the fact that it is the seat of McCormick Seminary, and not to any superior spirituality. The next is Springfield with sixty-three churches, and has eight; Alton with sixty-one churches, Bloomington with sixty-eight churches, each have five candidates; one with forty-eight churches reports three; and three report two; while three report no candidate at all. This year the State of Illinois only furnished fifty-five candidates for the ministry, one less than last year.

Various reasons have been given why our young men are not entering the ministry. These are, they say, because of low salaries, because of the opportunities of making money in other vocations, because of the straitened life of the preacher, because of the uncertainty of doctrine, because the churches do not stand for anything in these days, because of the varied and heavy demands made upon the minister in these days, because of the dread dead-line so much spoken of, because of the many other fields that are open for religious work, or at least semi-

religious work. But I do not think that any one of them, nor all of them together give the real reason. I am inclined to think that the low state of spirituality is largely to blame for it. The ministry is not looked upon as it once was, as the highest calling on earth. Parents do not lay their sons on the altar as they once did. When Jas. A. Garfield was elected president of the United States an old friend congratulated him on his promotion. "No, No, my friend, said he, a minister of the gospel cannot be promoted in this life." When once the church will begin to feel that the salvation of souls, and the extension of the Kingdom of God through those souls is the most important work on earth, then it will begin to pray that God will send laborers into the harvest.

There were one hundred and twenty pulpits vacant in our Synod last year, and most of these flocks are going to the wilds because there is no shepherd to lead them; many of these fields of grain are shattering because there is no harvester to reap them. A deeper spirituality, that is more of the spirit of the Master, would at least set us to praying that God would send laborers for these fields.

Additions on Confession of Faith:—During the year, according to the minutes of the General Assembly, 621 churches received into membership on confession of faith 6368 persons, an average of a little more than ten. According to the report of Synod of last year and the Minutes of the General Assembly of this year, Synod made a gain of only one church. According to these figures it took 89712 Christians to bring 6368 to Christ; or, in other words, it took over fifteen church members to bring one to Christ. And it is more than likely that one of the fifteen did the bringing while the other fourteen did nothing. And this also is true, that while some of the churches report a goodly number of additions, others report none. Most of these, however, are weak pastorless churches.

Neither is the testimony of the reports to the spiritual life of the church very encouraging. One report says, "The Spiritual life of our churches can truthfully be reported in the words of a physician who was hastily showing a friend through the hospital, saying as he went along, "Anaemic conditions," "Creeping Paralysis," "Nervous Dyspepsia," "Locomotor Ataxia." Our presbyteries have churches with all these ailments. The spiritual state of another presbytery is characterized as Laodicean,—neither cold nor hot, I suppose. I hope, however, that the Lord has not spued them out of His mouth. Another says that their churches need stirring life, earnestness, enthusiasm for Christ. Only a few churches are reported as having any unusual interest.

Comparing the various reports we cannot say that the spiritual life of the church within the bounds of our synod is high. While the form

of Godliness seems to be maintained, the figures by which we must judge, do not seem to indicate an abounding life.

How can the spiritual life of the church be increased? By the churches being brought into a closer, more vital union with Jesus Christ, who said, "I came that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." It is not in fine churches and pretentious machinery; it is not found in the social organization or the culinary department of the church; it is not generated through any human activities or humanitarian benevolences; it comes from a vital union with Jesus Christ. He is the vine in whom all the branches must abide for their life and fruitfulness. "Without me," said He, "ye can do nothing." "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son hath not life," whether it is spoken of an individual or a church. All spiritual life is in Christ; by faith in Him it becomes ours; and what the churches need is to be brought into closer union with Christ. What we as ministers need to do, is not, as one has said, "to deal in negations, to speculate, to theorize, to indulge in ethical platitudes, to scintillate with intellectual brilliants set in religious frame-work, to conduct solemn and dignified church services, to please any popular taste or gratify any current fancy; it is none of these, nor all of them combined, but it is to lead our churches by faith to draw upon Jesus Christ for their spiritual life. There are churches that have a name that they are living, but they are dead. They have that name because they have some social life, intellectual life, mere conventional life, but they are dead because they have no real Christ life, no life that comes as a growth in the regenerated life.

And since it is within the province of this committee to have charge of evangelistic and other movements looking to the spiritual life of the church, you will pardon me, if in behalf of the General Assembly's Committee on Evangelistic Work, I here make a plea for it. It has been their request that I do so, and it has been granted by the local committee on program.

Great advances in the spiritual life of the church have been marked by revivals of religion. The church itself was born in a revival, the Day of Pentecost. Her rebirth, it may so be called, the Reformation, was a revival. The great times of the Bible were times of spiritual awakenings—the reinstatement of the law by Ezra, the teaching and the preaching of the deeper law by Christ; the movement under the Wesleys, the great awakening under Finney, the stirring of the stagnant waters by Moody were all times of revival. If it had not been for these great forward movements in the church she must have retrograded. The church has made her greatest strides and has had her greatest growth in times of revival. Statistics show that a large proportion of the ministers, and the laymen who have been at the helm of the church for the last third of a century came out of the great revivals of the fifties and seventies.

The churches that are having the greatest gains today are the churches that are the most aggressive in evangelism and are reaching out for the unsaved. The church cannot grow by simply turning its own wheels. No country is ever invaded or conquered by an army whose soldiers do nothing but mark time. There must be aggression if there is to be conquest. The strong-holds of Satan must be stormed at all events.

Of all the churches in Christendom the Presbyterian Church ought to be the last one to be indifferent to evangelism. Her great leaders and preachers have had the evangelistic spirit. She has had her greatest growth in times of revival. Her early history was aflame with the evangelistic spirit. The Presbyterian Church today is leading in the work. And the call comes from the highest source of authority, the General Assembly through her committee, for the church to awaken to its opportunity.

We might lay down methods and make suggestions but what is needed more than anything else is, not only the evangelical, but the evangelistic spirit. Our great need is not evangelistic methods, but the spirit. Almost any method will work if the spirit is present, and no method will work where the spirit is absent. The great need of the church is pastor evangelists, or evangelistic pastors, men who are so filled with the spirit of evangelism which was the spirit of the Master, that they will inspire their churches with the same spirit. We have relegated the evangelistic work to a few evangelists who seem to be especially fitted for that work; and against the professional evangelist I have nothing to say; there certainly is a place for him in the church, and scripture recognizes him; he is mentioned twice in the Bible while the pastor is mentioned but once; but there are not enough of them, and our hope is that pastors, yea the entire church catch the spirit of the early apostles.

A work to which this synod, and every synod ought to give particular attention, is the work of rural evangelism. The committee believes that this is one of the greatest opportunities and urgent needs before the church. Most of the churches, and there are annually many of them, which are disbanded are in the rural districts. This has been due mainly to the fact that most of our churches in rural districts are losing heavily because of the drift of population to towns and cities, and the population coming into these places have not been reached by the church. The consequence is that these churches are, many of them, either dying or dead. And when we remember that most of our ministers have come from these districts, that many of the pillars in the city churches are from the country, can we afford to neglect these places?

After all, I have come to believe that about the only way to deepen the spiritual life of the church is by a genuine revival of religion, the emphasizing of preaching the gospel with a view of the conversion and regeneration of men. I fear in our day we have too much lost sight of

this purpose. There is too much preaching of the sort which Bishop Newman of the Methodist Church describes of some modern preachers, who come before their congregations in a compromising way and say, "Brethren, you must repent, in a measure; turn to Christ, in a way; or you will be damned, somewhat." One of the last messages of Dr. John Watson to the church was, that the evangelistic note was the missing note in the preaching of today, and not until we begin to preach again as our spiritual fathers preached will we have the power that they had.

But thank God there are signs which go to show that we are coming back to striking the dominant note again which has been missing so long in our preaching. There are hopeful evidences that the church is growing tired of what is negative, sick of criticism and speculation, and hungering for the spiritual and the positive; "and blessed are they that do hunger after it." What the church needs is not sentiment, but salvation; not subjective theorizing, but fact; not sociological panaceas, but a regenerating Christ.

Such evangelism is needed to arouse the church, to inspire her to aggressive effort, to stir the stagnant waters, to clarify and purify the oppressive atmosphere. Everywhere we hear the complaint of indifference, of lukewarmness, of the stifling effects of worldliness; from everywhere come the same discouraging reports; formality in professing Christians, meagreness in results, a dearth upon Christendom. It is breaking the hearts of ministers, it is discouraging church sessions, it is saddening the devout and spiritually-minded, it is disbanding church-organizations, it is robbing the pulpit of ministers. Something is needed. What is it, if it is not a genuine revival of religion within the bounds of synod?

As a committee we make only these few suggestions:

1. That the ministers of the various churches within the bounds of synod preach more evangelistically, definitely pointing men to Jesus Christ as the source, and the only source, of spiritual life; that those who have been concerned with what they have been pleased to call "timely issues," repent of their sin and turn to preaching the gospel of the Son of God; and that those who have been mere ethical culturists forsake their evil way and become more apostolic; and that those who have been mere sociologists become salvationists, preaching that men must be saved not by any social evolution, but by spiritual regeneration. "Woe unto the prophets of God, if they see not the Lord's vision, and speak not the Lord's message!" Woe unto the Shepherds of the Lord's flock, if they starve the sheep by leading them into forbidden pastures, or get them entangled in the thorns and brush of mere human speculations! Woe unto the captains of the Lord's hosts if they themselves are untrue to the banner, or order a retreat in this holy war!

2. That the churches within the bounds of synod put forth special efforts, not so much for the swelling of the church rolls, as for the renewing and the deepening of the spiritual life. When the branches are vital with the life of the vine, fruit will be born in abundance. Oh when will the church learn what Jesus taught, "As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself except it abide in the vine; no more can ye except ye abide in me."

3. That the Home Mission Committees, and the Evangelistic Committees of the various presbyteries encourage and plan for special work in rural districts, and especially where churches of our denomination are located, that the things that remain may be strengthened, and the unsaved may be saved. May the church exalt her candlestick that it be not taken out of its place and given to another; may her oil be kept flowing and her light be kept burning and so glorify our Father who is in heaven.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. Bodell.

The Committee on Nominations made a partial report, nominating the following trustees of Synod: The Moderator, Rev. H. L. Moore, ex-officio; Mr. H. S. Osborne, Mr. William M. Camp, Rev. W. S. P. Bryan, Rev. A. F. Ernst. The report was approved and the nominees elected.

The order for the Communion service was adopted as follows: Rev. W. H. W. Boyle to preside; Responsive Reading, Rev. L. D. Beck; to lead in prayer, Rev. S. M. Campbell; the Moderator to administer the bread; the Pastor, Rev. W. H. W. Boyle, to administer the cup. Elders to assist: T. H. Perrin, S. S. Anderson, W. M. Camp, J. D. Rogers, and I. P. Rumsey.

Rev. C. N. Wilder presented the following memorial upon the death of Rev. George J. E. Richards:

MEMORIAL TO REV. GEORGE J. E. RICHARDS.

The Synod of Illinois meets under the shadow of a great bereavement, suffered through the death of its stated clerk, Rev. George J. E. Richards.

The story of the life of this faithful servant of God, whose work in the Christian ministry extended over a period of thirty-three years, may well be told for the honor and glory of God and for the instruction and incentive to the utmost fidelity of all ministers of the Gospel. His devotion to his work and his success in the doing of it were most marked features of his life. It might be said of him, with full truth, that he determined not to know anything among the people with whom he labored

save Jesus Christ and him crucified. He lived a surrendered life. At the beginning of his ministry he laid himself upon the altar of God, and no service which he was called upon to render, no trial which he was called upon to endure ever suggested the thought of taking back what he had joyfully and from the highest motive, given up.

God crowned his labors with eminent success. The gospel preached by him proved to be the power of God unto salvation to large numbers of people. To the end of the earthly life his ministry was most fruitful. One of the last acts of his ministerial life was the welcoming to church membership more than seventy persons whom he had been largely instrumental in leading to Christ. His last revival effort extended over a period of more than five weeks. One who was nearest to him of all earthly friends says of these weeks of evangelistic effort, "I think I can truthfully say that during these last five weeks he did not sit down with the family, except at meals, half an hour at a time."

Mr. Richards was born at Hector, N. Y., September 11, 1849. His father was the Rev. Charles Richards. Minister's sons do enter the ministry, undeterred by the hardships and self-denials which may have characterized their home life. There were three boys in this Ohio minister's family, and all of them became ministers of the Gospel. George, the youngest of the three, spent the larger part of his boyhood in the state of Ohio, where his father was a pastor. He prepared for college in Maumee, Ohio. He graduated from Western Reserve College, Hudson, Ohio, in the class of 1872. His scholarship was of a high order. He spent two years in Princeton Theological Seminary, and one year in Union Seminary, New York City, graduating from the Seminary in 1876. During these years of preparatory study Mr. Richards was largely dependent for pecuniary support upon his own exertions.

From deliberate choice the early years of his ministry were spent on home missionary fields. He labored during ten years in the states of Wisconsin, Iowa, and Ohio. It was only when the health of his family demanded a life more free from hardships that he sought a settled ministry. He came to Illinois in the year 1891. He had pastorates in Greenville, Presbytery of Alton, in Kirkwood, Presbytery of Schuyler, in Mt. Carmel, Presbytery of Cairo, and in Greenview, Presbytery of Springfield. He had been but a short time in Greenview when his death occurred.

Mr. Richards served the Presbyteries of Schuyler and Alton as stated clerk, so received training for his larger duties as Stated Clerk of Synod.

In the year 1902 Mr. Richards was chosen Stated Clerk of the Synod of Illinois, to succeed the Rev. David S. Johnson, D.D., who had served the Synod in this capacity during a period of twenty years. Mr. Richards was re-elected for the second period of five years in 1907. In this im-

portant office he served the Synod with great fidelity, with marked ability, and with uniform acceptability. One who knew him well as Stated Clerk of Synod has said of him, "He was systematic, pains-taking, accurate and prompt in the performance of the duties of his office, and always self-possessed and sweet-spirited." Another associate in office has said of him, "Always and everywhere he was in the fullest sense of the term a Christian gentleman."

Mr. Richards came to his death as the result of an accident which occurred on the 21st of last May. His death followed on the 6th of June, 1909. Death was due to heart-failure and occurred as the broken hip-bone was being dressed. The funeral services were held on Tuesday, June 8th, 1909. The place of burial is Greenville, Ill.

The Synod of Illinois extends to the surviving wife and three daughters of our deceased brother their most profound sympathy, rejoicing with them over the accomplishments of his life, and sharing with them the hopes born of faith in Him who said, "Whosoever liveth and believeth on me shall never die." Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES N. WILDER,
Committee.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated in accordance with the order noted.

Recess was taken until 7:30 o'clock, this evening.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 7:30 o'clock.

A popular service was held at the evening hour; Rev. W. H. W. Boyle presiding. The opening exercises were participated in by Rev. W. E. Archibald, Rev. J. H. Broady and Rev. R. M. Dillon.

Addresses were delivered on Christian Leadership, by Rev. Joseph W. Cochran, of the Board of Education, and upon Home Missions by Rev. Charles Stelzle of the Board of Home Missions. Synod adjourned to meet in devotional service at Reid Memorial Chapel at 8:30 tomorrow morning.

THURSDAY MORNING, 8:30 o'clock.

Synod met in devotional service at Reid Memorial Chapel, members of Synod participating.

Convening in the Presbyterian Church at 9 o'clock, Synod was led in prayer by Rev. S. Howard Smith.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Committee on Place of Next Meeting reported an invitation from the church at Carbondale, and recommended that it be accepted. The invitation was accepted.

Rev. C. Humble of Chicago addressed Synod in the interest of the Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work.

Rev. C. W. Barnes addressed Synod on the work of the Voters' League.

The Committee on Co-operation with the Executive Commission of the Assembly reported through its chairman, Rev. W. R. King. The report and recommendations were adopted as follows with the exception of No. 5, which was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

COMMITTEE ON CO-OPERATION

To the Synod of Illinois:—

BRETHREN—Your committee appointed one year ago to co-operate with the General Assembly's Executive Commission in their plans to increase the contributions to the benevolent work of the church, and to bring to this meeting a recommendation upon the appointment of an Executive Commission, respectfully offers the following report:—

The committee has held during the year three meetings, one in Monmouth and two in Chicago. We were asked by the Assembly's Commission to make an effort to increase the gifts of this synod to the boards at least five per cent, but we decided to make a venture of faith and ask for a minimum increase of ten per cent. A letter was sent out to the churches on Nov. 29, 1908, enclosing a specially prepared printed four-page folder, giving some important facts and figures calling attention to the crisis that was facing the boards at that time, and asking the sessions of the churches to pass a formal resolution to make a special effort to increase their gifts to the boards at least ten per cent, during the year closing March 31, 1909. This was followed up by another communication on Jan. 7th.

The total expense of the committee has been $85.42. Of this amount $65.42 was furnished by the Synod, and $20 was the special gift of a friend.

Just how much has been accomplished by the work of the committee, we have no way of knowing. 177 churches responded to our request by passing a formal resolution to make the effort to increase at least ten per cent. The minutes of the General Assembly show that 189 churches did actually make the ten per cent increase, and the total increase over the preceeding year was $53,880, an increase not of ten per cent as we asked, but of twenty per cent.

There are three observations that we have made in our work as a committee:—

1. That it pays to get the churches, as well as individuals, to commit themselves to some definite task The increase of $53,880 last year was made by 189 churches; 177 churches promised to make a special effort. These figures are so nearly alike that we are forced to conclude that the promise to increase had something to do with the actual increase, and therefore that it pays to get the churches to commit themselves to a definite task. To determine to do for Christ is to have accomplished a large part of the task.

2. That much needs yet to be done in this synod. Our churches are not giving at all in proportion to their privilege and ability. Out of our 615 churches only 219 gave to all the boards, and 84 gave nothing whatever to any of the boards. It is but fair, however, to say that these 84 that gave nothing are very small and in most cases vacant churches. The average gift per member last year to the Boards, not including the Committee on Temperance, was $3.43. A very small gift for this great and wealthy synod.

3. That one cause of the smallness of our gifts is, the lack of system in the financing of our churches. Many of the churches have no systematic plan of benevolences, and but few work any plan to the limit. There should be some effort made by the Synod to put our churches on a systematic financial basis.

In view of these observations we offer the following recommendations:—

1. We recognize with gratitude the generous gift of Mr. Henry Crowell to our Foreign Missionary Committee, and commend very cordially to the churches of the synod the "Every Member Campaign" in behalf of Foreign Missions, which his gift has made possible.

2. Believing that it is the duty of every member of the church to give to all the causes of the church, we recommend that an "Every Member Campaign" be made in every church of the synod, bringing to each member his responsibilty and opportunity to give to all the Boards. This campaign to be planned and carried forward in each case as the wisdom of the pastor and session may suggest.

3. Recognizing the fact that many churches have no systematic plan whatever for financing the church, especially the smaller and more poorly organized, we recommend a campaign of education along the line of church finance, consisting in the distribution of printed matter upon this subject, the holding of institutes and conferences, the securing of special speakers for the churches as occasion may offer, and all other legitimate means of agitation and education. This campaign to be under the direction of the body mentioned in the fifth recommendation.

4. Whereas the Board of Home Missions, through its representative, Mr. A. F. McGarrah, has proposed to your committee the appointment of a financial expert to labor in this synod in behalf of the budgeting of benevolences, offering to secure both the salary and the man, we recommend that the synod consider this matter and refer it with instructions to the body mentioned in the following recommendation.

5. In view of the difference of opinion among the brethren concerning the appointment of an executive commission, yet recognizing the Assembly's request in this mattter as deserving some favorable consideration, we recommend the appointment of an Executive Council with advisory powers, the same to consist of the Moderator and Stated Clerk and the chairman of the seven Permanent committees of Synod. The Moderator shall be the chairman of the Council and the council shall elect its own secretary.

The duties of the Council shall be as follows:—

a. To co-operate with the Executive Commissions of the Presbyteries and the General Assembly in the general work of the church.

b. To harmonize and unify as far as possible the work of the church within this Synod, by helping to plan and carry out all forward movements that may receive the approval of the Synod, and any special work that may be referred to it by the Synod.

c. To formulate the programs for the meetings of synod, and to co-operate with the pastor and the local church where synod is to be held in making the meeting a success.

All of which is respectfully submitted with the request that this committee be now discharged.

W. R. King,
A. G. Bergen,
C. Harmon Johnson,
Henry S. Osborne.
Committee.

The Committee on the Brotherhood presented its report through its Chairman, Mr. A. R. Taylor. Rev. R. F. Cressey, Secretary of the Committee was heard also. President Charles H. Rammel-

kamp, of Illinois College, and Rev. A. B. Morey of Jacksonville, spoke in behalf of the local Committee arranging for the next Brotherhood Convention, cordially inviting members of Synod to attend.

The report of the Committee was received and adopted, and is as follows:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BROTHERHOOD

To the Synod of Illinois—

BRETHREN—Your committee on the Brotherhood begs leave to report that in accordance with your instructions a State Convention of the men of the Presbyterian church in Illinois was called at Decatur in December last and the response from the state at large was entirely satisfactory. A fine program was carried out, a Brotherhood constitution adopted, and a State Council appointed in whose hands was placed the general direction of the interests of the Brotherhood in the State. The following brief report of that Council embodies a good outline of the work accomplished;

"The Council of the Presbyterian Brotherhood of Illinois submits its first annual report:

"The Synodical Committee as authorized by your body called a state convention of the Brotherhoods of Illinois at Decatur, Dec. 3 and 4, 1908. A large number of delegates came together from all parts of the state, joining with the Decatur Brotherhoods in a fellowship supper on Thursday evening. About 300 were present at this first meeting and the enthusiasm aroused increased with each session on Friday.

"The formal program on Friday included round table conferences on organization, methods of work, etc., inspirational addresses and a great mass meeting in the evening.

"T. H. Perrin, of Alton, was elected convention President and R. F. Cressey of Hillsboro, secretary.

"At the business session it was decided to form a permanent organization and a constitution was adopted formulated somewhat on the plan of that of the National organization.

"In accordance with its provisions a State council of 24 members, consisting of twelve laymen appointed by the convention, the chairman of the several presbyterial Brotherhood committees, exclusive of Chicago, and the President of the brotherhood of Chicago Presbytery, was appointed. This Council held a meeting at once on the adjournment of the convention and organized by the election of the following officers: A. R. Taylor, Decatur, President; R. F. Cressey, Hillsboro, Secretary; and S. S. Anderson, Charleston, Treasurer.

"The President was authorized to appoint at his leisure the various committees provided by the constitution, viz., Organization of Presbyterial Brotherhoods, Bible Study, Christian Service, Civic Affairs, Social Progress, Social and Athletic Affairs, Boys' Brotherhoods, Denomination Interests and Publicity. These committees have spent considerable time

in studying the problems entrusted to them and will make detailed reports to the annual meeting of the Council on November 11.

"The second annual convention will be held at Jacksonville on November 11 and 12. The program of the first convention furnishes the general plan for the program at Jacksonville. The Council unanimously appeals to the churches and brotherhoods of Illinois to send their pastors and at least one delegate each to this convention. The success of the first convention at Decatur has been attested as much by the increased activity of the men of the churches represented there as by the personal benefits received by those present. The coming convention promises to be even greater and more effective as an educational and inspirational force.

"The council hopes to see the number of local brotherhoods doubled during the coming year and the presbyteries are urged to attempt the organization of brotherhoods in all the churches in their bounds before the close of the present calendar year.

"The Council is profoundly impressed with the far-reaching possibilities of this great movement and trusts that Illinois will not fail to utilize this beckoning opportunity for putting the men of the church into more active service."

We respectfully ask the adoption of the following resolutions:—

1. The Synod urges every Session to organize a "Men's" Society in their church, if at present without one and to endeavor to bring into its membership all the men of the congregation.

II. The Synod urges every church to observe the Inter-Brotherhood Week of Prayer for Men, during the first week of December in some wise and affective way.

III. The Synod commends the Synodical Brotherhood Convention to be held at Jacksonville Nov. 11 and 12 and suggests that each Session of the state see to it that their church is represented in that convention by its pastor and one layman at least.

Fraternally submitted for the Committee.

A. R. TAYLOR, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Christian Education presented its report through the Chairman, Rev. W. S. P. Bryan. The report was received. Rev. M. E. Anderson, student-pastor at the State University, President A. R. Taylor, Rev. A. S. Buchanan, and Rev. Joseph W. Cochran addressed Synod.

Recommendations 1 to 6 and 9 to 15 were adopted. No. 16 was referred to the Finance Committee. No. 7 and 8 were referred back to the Committee with instructions to hear any members of interested Presbyteries who may desire to appear.

The report as a whole was later adopted with the exception that $225 was granted instead of $250 asked for in Resolution 16.

Following is the report:—

THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Your Committee feels sure that every member of Synod is aware of the growing complexity of the problems of Education, particularly of Christian Education. Educators realize that we are in a time of transition, and the Church cannot afford to be insensible of it.

One fact stands out clear and distinct: If the Church is to retain her place and influence in the sphere of Education, her interest in it must be vital and substantial. Powerful influences are at work to separate our Colleges from direct relationship to the Church. If the Church is to retain her hold upon her Colleges and Academies, it will not be sufficient for her to point to her historic relationship or to rest content in a formal oversight. It will be needful for her to define anew the phrase "Christian Education," to enter effectively into the life of her institutions and to provide for them even more liberally than she has done in the past. Further than this, the Church must arouse herself to exert her influence in such institutions as are not directly related to her, but to which she has access, for, to the youth in these institutions, as to all other youth, her great commission runs. Your Committee, therefore, presents its Annual Report with a deep sense of responsibility.

First: *The Work at the State University*: In previous reports, this work has held the last place and has been given such time as remained after other interests had been presented. We give it the first place this year, both because of what has already been accomplished and because of what must be done within the next few months, if it is to be put on a permanent foundation. It is to be noted that the first property ever owned by the Synod of Illinois as a body will be property in connection with this University work.

In April, 1909, Rev. James M. Duer retired from our work, constrained by a sense of duty to take charge of the church at Wausau, Wisconsin, and on May 1st, Rev. Martin E. Anderson, a graduate of the University of Chicago and of McCormick Theological Seminary, entered upon his duties as our University Pastor, having been ordained by the Presbytery of Chicago to the work of the Gospel ministry. Mr. Anderson had but three Sabbaths at the University before the end of the Session and has had only four or five since the opening of the new session, his time between having been occupied in the visitation of the churches, the General Assembly, the Lake Geneva Conference, etc. He has justified himself as the choice of the Committee in the various duties assigned to him and has been well received wherever he has appeared in behalf of our work. His Sabbath morning service is attended by an increasing number of students, while his personal ministry to them is close and helpful. He has undertaken to meet the fifty-five leaders of the Student Bible Classes of the Y. M. C. A., thus reaching indirectly five hundred students engaged in Bible study. He has also had a part in the organization of the United Mission Study Movement of the University. He hopes to organize before long a Presbyterian Guild to bind together the 760 Presbyterian students.

He has been very successful in securing funds for our work during the summer, and has undertaken to manage our house in which nine of the students have rooms, bringing in a good rental. Our work is hindered by the lack of a church edifice, our services being held in one of the University Halls; but it has been greatly advanced since the opening of the Presbyterian House, which makes a center for our work accessible to all students.

The Presbyterian House has been opened on property which was purchased last May. This property has been under consideration for three years and was chosen only after a careful comparison with other desirable situations. It is two blocks west of the University, in the midst of attractive residences and fraternity houses and is situated about midway between our churches at Champaign and Urbana, about a mile from each. The property cost $12,500, including a lot 115x200 feet and a large, well built, modern house. The purchase was made possible through gifts of $6500 to our Grounds and Building Fund and to complete it will require $6000 more on or before February 1st, 1911. It relieves us for this year from house-rent and furnishes an income from the students in residence which will be applied on the interest of our debt. The house has been refitted and furnished throughout, largely through the efforts of the ladies of the Champaign and Urbana churches. When we are ready to erect our church-center, the house will be moved to the side street and continue to serve as a residence for students and a source of profit to the work.

This Presbyterian House constitutes the first place of property owned by the Synod of Illinois. For this reason and because the work is that of the Synod as a whole, your Committee is constrained to submit certain particulars otherwise unnecessary. The statistical reports supply information as to our funds. Our Treasurer, Prof. H. J. Barton, has submitted his accounts and they have been carefully audited and found correct. Our Building Fund shows a total of $7402.00, all devoted to this property. By advice of counsel, the property was transferred to the Chairman of our Committee personally, pending the completion of the plan of incorporation of the Synod. Papers setting forth this transfer and its purpose are in the hands of the Committee and conferences are being held with the Trustees with a view of satisfying the conditions for a legal transfer to the Synod. The terms of this transfer will be that it is to be held by the Synod for the religious use and benefit, according to the faith and practice of the Presbyterian Church, of the students of the University of Illinois, to be administered by the Synod through its Committee on Christian Education or such other agency as the Synod may appoint. It will be needful in time for the Synod to define its work at the University touching the relation between the student body and the permanent population in the neighborhood of the University.

The Current Expense Account shows salaries and rentals, church services and traveling expenses of the University Pastor, and also the expenses of our canvass for Endowment. Synod will recognize, we believe, that it costs money to get money and that the efforts necessary to attract the attention of our people have been expensive. In view of the returns upon the expenditures, we believe that Synod will find that the work has been conducted economically.

The Endowment Fund of $60,000 was fixed upon in order to provide permanently for our current expenses of about $3000 a year. It reaches at present the sum of $19,722.00 and must be completed by next spring or some of these larger gifts will lapse. Only the most strenuous efforts on the part of the Committee and the members of the Synod as a whole, will enable us to complete this undertaking. The table of apportionments shows what is expected from the Presbyteries of the Synod. Meanwhile, the current expenses of our work go on and will be heavier as the work of Endowment proceeds. Churches and individuals who cannot contribute to the Endowment will serve the cause by contributions to our Current Expense Account.

In a peculiar sense your Committee is the agent of Synod in this work and it needs the approval of Synod if its policy thus far is found by Synod to be wise.

Second: *Our Colleges and Academies.*—These institutions, although for the reasons stated above they have not had the first place in this report, are worthy of the first place in the interest of Synod. They are our own institutions. In them must the problem of Christian Education in the highest sense be wrought out. They are feeling the stress of the present situation in the college world, and many men connected with them are making sacrifices in order to carry out a thorough Christian Education. The time has come for a closer touch with these institutions, and your committee is arranging for a series of conferences in which the whole question will be presented and the views of our trained educators be obtained in order to a wise solution of the problems now pressing upon us.

Lake Forest reports the largest registration of new students in its history and although two large classes have recently gone out there is a net gain of ten in the total registration. In the Academy the Lower First Form has been eliminated and this space has been absorbed by other boys. It is hoped by your Committee that the members of Synod will avail themselves of the opportunity afforded by this meeting to examine the facilities for higher education afforded by Lake Forest.

Illinois College has taken important steps to raise the quality of the work done by the students and to encourage them to increased attention to their studies. The work in Agriculture shows progressive plans for the coming year. Recent evangelistic services in Jacksonville resulted in the hopeful conversion of over thirty students. United efforts will be necessary to complete the new endowment fund by June 1st, 1910.

President John S. Nollen

Blackburn College has a good class of students and is starting with larger numbers than last year. The prospects for the year are much better than hitherto because the College will insist upon good discipline, even though the attendance should, for the time, suffer. Pending the completion of its endowment, the Trustees desire permission to continue to solicit College Board offerings in the Presbyteries of Alton, Bloomington, Mattoon, Peoria, Rushville and Springfield.

James Millikin University has suffered a great loss in the death of its eminent founder, whose will bequeathed the sum of $400,000 to Decatur College and Industrial School in case an equal sum be raised for the College by the Church by March 2nd, 1910, the said sum to become a part of his residual estate in case of the failure of the Church to raise a like amount as proposed. The will also devised that the principal part of his estate should pass to five trustees, who are authorized to manage the same and pay the income to such educational and philanthropic enterprises in the city of Decatur as they might deem wise. They were further authorized to pay such part of the principal as they might see fit to said enterprises. Nearly twice as many students are graduating in the Arts as in the technical courses. Consequently, the total number of educated men which the College is sending out into the world's activities is larger by the volume of technical graduates going out from them.

Geneseo Collegiate Institute. The number of students has increased by sixteen as against this time last year. The courses have all been strengthened and are claimed to be superior to any high school. Agriculture has been added and a regular Bible course arranged. The preparatory course admits to any of the Universities without examination and the three years' normal course is considered by County Superintendents as very thorough for teachers. The Institute feels the strain imposed upon it by the action of the College Board in refusing to make appropriations for the support of our Academies and a plan is now under consideration for providing for the deficiency thus created. In some way, this Institute must be conserved, its buildings and endowment made even more useful in the work of Christian Education.

Union Academy is located at Anna, in the southern portion of the state, equally accessible from two railroads in the midst of one of the most fertile horticultural regions of the State. Since the work of our Committee began, the attendance of students has increased from twenty to seventy, notwithstanding the tuition fee of $35.00 per year which is required, while attendance at the High Schools is of course without charge. The trustees and friends of Union Academy have been so encouraged by the warm interest shown by Synod that they erected, chiefly at their own expense, the new Benton Hall, costing over $18,000 and increased their endowment fund by $2000. A conservative estimate of the value of the grounds, endowments and buildings is $50,000 and the Academy being one of the very few institutions in that whole section of the state under distinctively Christian influence, its friends feel that it

has a place to fill and a work to do. In this your Committee agrees. The hopeful prospects of the Institution, however, suffered a reverse when early in this year notice was sent to the Trustees that the College Board would no longer make an appropriation to the Academy. In justice to the Board, it should be stated that this notice was sent not to Union Academy alone, but to all of our church academies which had been receiving the assistance of the Church through the appropriations of the College Board, the Board having reached the conclusion that the funds at its disposal could be more wisely used for our Colleges than for the Academies. It at once became known to the community that the College Board had withdrawn its aid and the prospects of the institution suffered in consequence, as is shown in the reduced attendance this year. The Trustees of the Academy and the Synod's Committee have been in conference with the Board since last May. Recognizing the conscientious purposes of the members of the Board and their careful study of the question, your Committee desires to raise no question with them as to their policies in general but rather to address itself to the question of what Synod should do to retain this valuable property and to minister to the youth of Southern Illinois, even more effectively than has been possible during these last few years. Your Committee believes that nothing should be done to impair the contributions of our churches to the Board. On the other hand, as Synod commended Union Academy to our Sabbath Schools two years ago, your Committee believes that these, in connection with our generous givers, will undertake to provide the modest sum needed to supplement the income of the Academy pending the completion of the endowment. Your Committee is of opinion that we ought not willingly to relinquish the valuable property and the opportunity for Christian Education afforded at Union Academy, and that the members of the Synod will cordially co-operate in the effort to establish it upon a solid basis.

The Board of Education reports that during the year 800 candidates have come under its care, 82 in academic courses, 353 in college, 365 in theological seminaries. Of these 581 have received the aid of the Board before, while 219 are receiving it for the first time. A careful study of the situation shows that since the year 1825 our Church has averaged one candidate to 800 church members, and while she reached her lowest mark in 1903 with one candidate to 1432 members, she has now one candidate to 1176 members and at the present rate it will take ten years to regain the normal proportion. The Board has under its care 133 foreign-speaking candidates, and it has prepared a special report of great value dealing with this difficult and important work. The Board has prosecuted with wisdom and energy its new work in connection with the State Universities, the Secretaries having visited fifteen universities during the year. Applications were received during the year from Committees of six Synods for assistance in the prosecution of this work, among them our own Synod, to which the Board has appropriated the sum of $500 for the

second year, pending the completion of our Endowment. The members of Synod's Committee value the counsel and co-operation of the Board, through its Secretary, Rev. Dr. Cochran, and believe that the work of the Synods should be co-ordinated through the Board of Education. Inasmuch as the funds now raised in the Synod for the University work find no place in the annual accountings of the Church, it is believed that some provision should be made by which these funds could be reported even when they do not pass through the hands of the Board of Education. Our Synod reports the same number of candidates as in previous years, about forty, receiving the aid of the Board. Nearly one-half of our churches fail to contribute and the Board has expended within our Synod upon candidates three hundred dollars more than we contributed for this work. In view of this fact, of the generous appropriation of the Board for University work, and of the large claims upon the funds of the Board, it is recommended that an earnest effort be made to increase our contributions.

The College Board reports that excellent spiritual work has been done this year in our colleges. It reports a total contributed by the churches of $131,186.58 $280,497.29 and of $978,456 contributed by individuals for the different institutions under its care. Our own Synod has contributed $7,190.00 through its churches and $38,076 from individuals for various colleges outside the Synod. The Board has been greatly bereaved in the death of its Secretary, Rev. James Stuart Dickson, whose place has not yet been filled. In view of the growing importance of the College work of the Church, the Board is entitled to the sympathy and active co-operation of the members of the Synod.

The Committee has to report that Rev. A. G. Lane, from Alton Presbytery, Rev. E. V. Headen, from Rushville Presbytery and Rev. Henry Hepburn from Ottawa Presbytery have tendered their resignations because of removal out of their respective bounds. The Committee parts with these brethren with regret because of their faithful services. Under the authority given at last Synod, it has appointed to fill their places Rev. W. H. Jordan, of the Presbytery of Alton, Rev. A. F. Ernst, from the Presbytery of Rushville, and Rev. John H. Boose, of the Presbytery of Ottawa.

The Committee finds that the sum of $175 appropriated for its expenses is insufficient to pay the railroad fare and entertainment of the members. In view of the need during the coming year of more frequent conferences bearing upon certain problems connected with our work, the Committee would respectfully ask if Synod would be able to provide the sum of $250.

Resolutions.

1. That Synod hereby approves of the policy adopted by its Committee on Christian Education in the establishment of the work at the University of Illinois, in particular as to the duties of the University

Pastor, the purchase of the property known as the Presbyterian House and the Plan of Endowment.

2. Synod accepts the gift of the Presbyterian House and authorizes its Trustees to receive it as soon as the necessary legal steps have been taken, and to hold it for the religious use and benefit of the students of the University of Illinois, under the direction of the Committee on Christian Education.

3. Synod authorizes its Trustees when fully qualified to receive the Endowment Fund as it may be paid in and, in conference with the Committee on Christian Education, to provide for the custody and investment of it, the income to be used solely for this work and payable to the Treasurer of the University Committee of the Committee on Christian Education.

4. Synod approves of the apportionment on the Presbyteries both for the Endowment and the Current Expense Fund and urges pastors and sessions and generous individuals to see that these apportionments are met. Synod instructs the committee to use special diligence to complete the Endowment by the time fixed.

5. Synod urges upon Pastors to co-operate with the University Pastor by correspondence concerning students and co-operation in his work.

6. That Synod express to her colleges her warm interest in their work, her sympathy in the problems with which they are confronted and her hearty co-operation in every movement to increase their efficiency as centers of Christian influence.

7. That Synod rejoices in the progress of the new endowment plan of Blackburn College and commends the generous action of the four Presbyteries of Mattoon, Bloomington, Alton and Peoria in providing each of them $5,000 for this fund. To the churches and individuals of those Presbyteries, to the citizens of Carlinville and to Mr. Andrew Carnegie, whose liberal offer made the effort possible, Synod renews its heartfelt thanks.

8. That Synod endorse the application of the Board of Trustees of Blackburn College for permission to solicit College Board offerings from the churches in the Presbyteries of Alton, Bloomington, Mattoon, Peoria and Rushville.

9. That Synod confirm the following as members of the Board of Trustees of James Millikin University: Dr. J. C. Fisher, Dr. F. E. Bell, Mr. W. H. Evans.

10. Synod confirms the following as members of the College Commission: Mr. J. K. McDavid, Mr. A. R. Scott, Mr. Samuel Anderson.

11. That Synod sends to both of its Academies cordial expressions of its continued interest and warm sympathy and its appreciation of the work they are doing in behalf of Christian Education.

12. That touching Union Academy Synod supports the judgment of its Committee that the present standard of the Academy be maintained, with

such advanced work as can be carried without attempting to offer the first and second years of College work; that the Board of Trustees be encouraged to consider what additional courses adapted to the horticultural community will serve to deepen the interest in the Academy and increase its usefulness; that Synod invites the Sabbath Schools within her bounds to make an offering for Union Academy during the year, in order that with the assistance of generous individuals the sum of $1200 a year may be provided for the next three years, these offerings to be sent to Mr. John F. Williford, Anna, Ill., Treasurer of the Academy, or to Rev. W. E. Donaldson, Treasurer of Synod's Committee, the same to be duly acknowledged and reported to Synod from year to year; that Synod approves of the plan to provide within the next three years $50,000 for the endowment of Union Academy and it authorizes its Committee in co-operation with the Trustees, to proceed without delay to the completion of this fund.

13. Synod expresses its appreciation of the work done by the Board of Education in the development of the movement at our state universities and especially of the interest of the Board in the work at our own University. Synod further directs its Committee on Christian Education to send a memorial to the Board asking if in some way funds contributed for the University work which do not pass through the hands of the Board, may be reported to the Board and included in its total of contributions.

14. Synod urges upon its Churches to look out for young men qualified to enter the ministry and to bring to them the call of Christ for laborers in His Vineyard. Synod furthermore calls upon its churches to recognize the increasing demands upon the Board of Education and the need for enlarged contributions.

15. That the committee be authorized in consultations with the presidents of our institutions to appoint a day when the cause of Christian Education shall be presented from our pulpits, emphasizing the value of our own institutions and the needs of our own youth together with the claims of the Christian ministry and other forms of Christian service.

16. That Synod authorize the Stated Clerk to pay to the Committee $250 for the expenses of the coming year.

All of which is respectfully submitted by order of the committee.

W. S. Plumer Bryan, *Chairman.*

Wilson E. Donaldson, *Secretary.*

Resolutions 1 and 2 in the report of the Trustees, relative to the custody of funds and property for the work at the State University, and deferred for consideration at this time, were adopted.

THE PRESBYTERIAN WORK AT THE STATE UNIVERSITY

University Statistics:

Approximate enrollment last year	4800
At the professional Schools in Chicago	800
Enrollment at Urbana	4000
As follows:	
Engineering	1200
Liberal Arts	1000
Agriculture	450
Law	200
Graduate School	150
Academy	300
Music	100
Library Course	45
Summer Course	600
(Women in attendance)	650
State appropriation for maintenance yearly over	$1,000,000.00
New buildings	250,000.00

The indications are that the attendance for the year 1910 will exceed these figures.

Distribution of Endowment:

Actual Cost of Property	$12,500.00
Estimated cost of Church Center	27,500.00
Funds to be invested to yield $3000 per year	60,000.00
Total	$100,000.00

PRESBYTERIAL APPPORTIONMENTS

The following apportionments have been made by the Committee in consultation with the representative members from the Presbyteries; for the current expenses pending the completion of the endowment and for the endowment itself:

Presbytery	Current Expenses	Endowment
Alton	$100.00	$ 2,000.00
Bloomington	450.00	15,000.00
Chicago	1500.00	50,000.00
Cairo	50.00	2,000.00
Ewing	50.00	2,000.00
Freeport	100.00	3,000.00
Mattoon	100.00	4,000.00
Ottawa	100.00	2,000.00
Peoria	200.00	6,000.00
Rock River	100.00	4,000.00
Rushville	100.00	4,000.00
Springfield	200.00	6,000,00
	$3,000.00	$100,000.00

The Funds of the Committee:

1. Building Fund:

Receipts		Disbursements	
From Chicago.....	$1000.00	On the Property	$6,500.00
" "	250.00	Interest	20.00
" "	250.00		
" "	5000.00	Total	$6,520.00
" "	25.00	Balance	$ 882.00
From Bloomington..	260.00		
From Macomb....		Total	$7,402.00
From Carthage ...	259.00		
From Warsaw			
From Hamilton...			
From Shelbyville..			
From Princeton...	330.00		
From Galena.....			
Various Parties.....	28.00		
Total	$7402.00		

This account has been audited and found correct:

2. Current Expense Account:

Salary Rev. J. M. Duer to April 1st.....	$1050.00	
Salary Rev. M. E. Anderson to Sept. 1st.....	600.00	
Total		$1,650.00
House rent, 606 E. Matthews St., Urbana to Sept 1		440.00
Summary of Sundry Expenses. (Approximate)		
Travel of members University Committee....$	53.62	
Stenography, stationery, telegrams, etc.....	87.52	
Survey of property and fees	14.55	
Church services, including music, janitor and travel of the pastor, to Rev. J. M. Duer....	190.70	
The same to Rev. M. E. Anderson.....	348.60	
Canvass for endowment and other funds.....	433.23	
Total		$1,125.19
Balance on hand Oct. 1st, 1909.....		$1,321.32
Total		$4,536.51

Outstanding bills due October 1st, will reduce the balance to $200.00. This sum of $4,536.51 was collected during the year, beginning September 15, 1908, from individuals and from churches and from the Board of Education. Individual receipts have already been sent and an itemized list will be sent to all contributors.

This account has been audited and found correct.

3. The Endowment Fund, to be completed in the spring of 1910:

From Chicago	$10,000.00
From Champaign	5,000.00
Various notes and other obligations	4,722.00
Total	$19,722.00
Invested in Presbyterian House	6,500.00
Balance in Building Fund	882.00
Total assets of the University Work to date	$27,104.00
Needed to complete conditional endowment	40,278.00

LAKE FOREST

Attendance (Not complete)	
College	167
Academy	101
Ferry Hall	122
Net Total	390

Financial	
Buildings and Grounds	$867,428.00
Productive Endowment (including scholarship funds)	631,321.59
Gross Special Funds	88,880.26

The registration of new students is the largest in the history of the College, 82 so far.

ILLINOIS

Attendance	
College	103
Whipple Academy	71
Conservatory	120
Total	294
Counted Twice	31
Net Total	263

Financial	
Grounds and Buildings	$243, 894.00
Productive Endowment	243,000.00
Fund to be Raised	150,000.00
Pledges to this Fund	90,000.00
Balance Needed	60,000.00

BLACKBURN COLLEGE

Attendance	
College Department, this far	52
Music, Art, etc.	125

Financial	
New Endowment Previously Raised from Four Presbyteries	$25,000.00
From Mr. Carnegie	10,000.00
Raised during this year from Four Presbyteries	25,000.00
From Mr. Carnegie	10,000.00
From Notes	15,000.00
Total	$85,000.00
Receipts, Exclusive of Music, arts, etc.	6,000.00

A small deficit which occured has been provided for.

JAMES MILLIKIN UNIVERSITY

Attendance

Lincoln	285
Decatur	1052
Total	1337
Graduates '09	
Lincoln	7
Decatur	42
Total	49
Instructors	
Lincoln	17
Decatur	60
Total	77

Financial

Grounds and Buildings		
Lincoln	$ 85,000	
Decatur	375,000	$460,000
Endowment		
Lincoln	$103,142	
Decatur	206,700	$309,842
Total Income Including Balances		
Lincoln	$ 8,132.02	
Decatur	77,564.49	$85,696.51
Current Expenses		
Lincoln	$ 8,129.25	
Decatur	76,887.31	$85,016.56
Piano Fund at Decatur		
Mr. Milliken		$3,000.00
Harvey Estate		6,700.00
Total Increase of Piano Fund		$9,700.00

GENESEO COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE

Attendance

Regular Session	80
Summer	71
Total Graduates for five years	48

Financial

Land, Buildings, Apparatus	
Furniture and Library	$29,750.00
Permanent Endowment	10,045.00
Salaries Paid	3,048.61
Other Expenses	1,172.37
Income	3,240.41
Deficit	980.57

UNION ACADEMY

Attendance

1908-9	70
1909-10	50

Enrollment incomplete.

Financial

Grounds and Buildings	
Benton Hall	$18,000.00
Other Grounds and Buildings approximate	17,000.00
Willard Endowment	12,815.00
Miller Endowment	1,350.00
Special Endowment	1,000.00

Besides these, two cottages and sixteen free scholarships.

Approximate Income for the year	1,422.00
Tuitions	1,000.00
Total	$2,422.00
Expenses, including Salaries and maintenance	$3,405.00

The Moderator, on motion, appointed as two additional members of the Committee on Financing Litigation, Elders S. S. Anderson, of Charleston, and J. E. Miller, of Lincoln.

Upon motion Synod reconsidered the action taken upon the report of the Committee on Financing Litigation, and referred to the Finance Committee for their consideration, the recommendation that Synod assume financial responsibility in the prosecution of cases involved.

Recess was taken until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 2:00 o'clock.

Synod opened with prayer by Rev. S. W. Patterson.

The Moderator announced the appointments of Elders Hugh Lauder and G. W. Entsminger as additional members of the Committee of arrangements for the next meeting of Synod.

The Memorial upon the death of Rev. George J. E. Richards, presented last evening, was adopted.

Rev. F. L. Selden reported for the Committee on Minutes of the General Assembly as follows, and the report was adopted:

MINUTES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

In reviewing the minutes of the General Assembly of 1909, a number of items of special interest appear.

The tables of statistics show that the net gain of the church for the fiscal year was over 21,000. The Synod of Illinois is fourth in the number of communicants, and third in the number of accessions on confession of faith, having received 6,368.

The minutes indicate that the past year was one of quite general prosperity for our church. There was an increase in the number of candidates for the ministry; in many sections of the country there were healthy revivals of religion, while our foreign missionary work reached high-water mark.

At the meeting of the Assembly the Synod of Illinois was ably represented. Our state furnished the Vice-Moderator, two of the chairmen of standing committees, and one of the speakers of the John Calvin Celebration and our men took an active part in all the work of the Assembly.

We wish to call especial attention to the work of the Executive Commission in the development of the Budget plan for our benevolences; and to the overtures sent down relative to Representation; and to the amendment of Section 49, Book of Discipline, page 193.

For the first time in its history the Assembly put itself on record disapproving the use of tobacco by both the clergy and laity.

The minutes of the Synod of Illinois were approved without exception.

F. L. Selden.
W. P. Baker.
W. B. Lile.
Harry Kemple,
E. D. Clark.

The following resolution, introduced by Elder T. H. Perrin, was adopted:

Resolved, That the members of the Executive Committee of the Church Extension Association of the former Cumberland Presbyterian Church be elected for the next year, namely: Revs. G. W. Williams, Z. W. Young, G. A. Wilson, J. W. McDonald and Elder T. H. Perrin.

Rev. J. H. Broady introduced the following resolution, which was adopted and a copy ordered sent to the Federation of Labor, and also to the press for publication:

PREAMBLE.

The working women of Illinois are fighting for a ten-hour day in the mills and factories of the state. They believe that they should be able to make a living wage in a ten-hour day. The Legislature of Illinois has passed such a law. The Supreme Court of the United States has declared constitutional a similar law passed in another state. An effort is now being made by certain factory owners in Chicago to have the Illinois law declared unconstitutional, so that they may work the women in their employ an unlimited number of hours.

At the last meeting of the Chicago Federation of Labor the delegates, for the first time in the history of that organization, made an appeal to the churches in behalf of these women.

Whereas, the contention of these working men and working women is a laudable one, in that it has for its aim the protection of womanhood, the safeguarding of working men's homes and the consequent building up of our common humanity, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Synod of Illinois in annual session assembled at Lake Forest heartily expresses its conviction that the fight now being made by the working women of our commonwealth is just and fair and that it is our earnest hope that they shall be successful.

Resolved, That whenever and wherever possible the members of the Presbyterian Church in the Synod of Illinois be requested to exert their utmost influence in behalf of the women who have appealed to us, through the Chicago Federation of Labor, with respect to their securing the ten-hour work day for women.

Done at Lake Forest, Oct. 21, 1909.

Recommendations eight and nine in the report of the Permanent Clerk presented yesterday were considered and adopted, and the Standing Rules amended accordingly.

Rev. James K. Shields, of the Anti-Saloon League, presented the interests of that movement in an address before Synod.

Rev. W. S. Marquis, chairman of the Foreign Mission Committee, presented his report, which was received. The hour for the special order of the day having arrived, Synod deferred consideration of the recommendations. The Semi-Centennial Anniversary of Lake Forest Church and College was observed by Synod in accordance with the program announced.

The Moderator, Rev. E. H. Curtis and Rev. J. A. Vance delivered congratulatory addresses. Rev. W. H. W. Boyle and President Nollen responded for the Church and College.

Resuming the business session, Rev. A. F. Ernst reported as follows on Presbyterial Records, the report being adopted:

PRESBYTERIAL RECORDS

The Committee on Presbyterial Records would report that the Records of all our Presbyteries have been examined. We recommend:

I. That the records of the following Presbyteries be approved without exception: Alton, Bloomington, Cairo, Chicago, Ewing, Mattoon, Ottawa, Rock River, Rushville, Springfield.

II. That the Records of Freeport Presbytery be approved except that: 1. On page 160 the record reads:—"The Stated Clerk was instructed to prepare for each stated meeting a summary of the Record, unless there be a request for reading it all." Then on page 170, "A resume of the Minutes of the Spring Meeting and those since then was read by the Stated Clerk." There is no record that the records of Presbytery were approved. The whole record should be approved.

2. On page 162 no record is made of the exceptions taken in examination and approval of certain Sessional Records, but the statement only that they were approved with exceptions.

III. That the Records of Peoria Presbytery be approved, except the apparently incomplete record on pages 740 to 741; That the Stated Clerk of Peoria Presbytery be instructed to complete the same and have that part of the record reviewed at the next meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. Ernst, *Chairman.*

Rev. C. M. Brown, Chairman of the Committee on Corresponding Members, reported the names of the following, who were invited by Synod to sit as Coresponding members:

Rev. Duncan J. McMillan, Rev. Charles Stelzle, Rev. A. W. Halsey of the Synod of New York. Rev. J. W. Cochran of the Synod of Pennsylvania; Rev. J. R. Sutherland of the Synod of New Jersey and Rev. Geo. W. Sheldon of the Synod of Tennessee.

Recommendations 7 and 8 in the report on Christian Education were considered and adopted.

Rev. R. F. Cressey, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, reported the following as members of Permanent Committees. The report was adopted.

Spiritual Life of the Church—Rev. W. B. Lile (Chairman), Rev. W. A. Bodell, Rev. W. H. W. Boyle, Rev. S. W. Patterson, Rev. A. O. Elliott, Rev. J. F. Young, Rev. William Porter, Rev. Daniel Breeze, Rev. B. L. Brittin, Rev. D. K. Campbell, Rev. S. S. Cryor, Rev. A. P. Higley.

General Church Work—Rev. Fred S. Selden (Chairman), Rev. A. S. Buchanan, Rev. H. M. Markley, Rev. J. L. Martin, Rev. W. C. Crofts, Rev. M. C. Cockrum, Rev. F. L. Goff, Rev. H. B. Douglass, Rev. W. C. Snider, Rev. T. D. Acheson, Rev. W. T. Reynolds.

Presbyterian Brotherhood—Pres. A. R. Taylor (Chairman), Rev. W. E. Spoonts, Rev. E. B. Surface, Elder Edward A. Halsey, Elder M. G. Clark, Elder M. H. Vail, Rev. R. F. Cressey, Rev. F. W. McClusky, Rev. H. L. Moore, Elder S. S. Anderson, Elder N. M. Love, Elder J. R. Hanna.

Youth of the Church—Rev. J. W. McDonald (Chairman).

The report on Foreign Missions was reconsidered and Rev. A. W. Halsey, Secretary of the Board addressed Synod.

The recommendations of the Committee were taken up, considered and adopted, with the exception of number six which was referred to the Finance Committee.

The report is as follows:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS, SYNOD OF ILLINOIS, FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1909.

Mr. Moderator and Brethren: "The story of Modern Missions is a continuation of the Acts of the Apostles, with all its essential supernaturalism," and your Committee comes like Paul and Barnabas, "to rehearse what God hath done for us as a church and how he hath opened the door to the Gentiles."

The first missionary journey probably did not cover a thousand miles of travel, or visit more than a dozen places, but he who would make an itinerary of Presbyterian Missions today must girdle the globe and enter 16 different countries, visit 146 stations and 1,781 sub-stations. He would find almost 1,000 men and women from America laboring in these stations, and doing a work just as gracious, just as Christ-like, just as wonderful, as that done by Paul and Barnabas on the first missionary journey. He would find these missionaries advance agents of civilization, winning men from dark customs and cruelties of idolatry to the knowledge of the true God and Savior, laying the foundations of new society, new homes, new schools, new governments, new literature and new commercial enterprises. He would come back confessing with President Taft—"I did not realize until I went into the Orient the great variety of things the Missions accomplished."

It is our joy to report that God abundantly blest the labours of our missionaries last year. There were 14,406 communicants added to the native church, which was more than 15 for every American missionary on the field. Had the 9,000 ordained ministers on the home field been as successful our home church would have enrolled more than 135,000 converts instead of 82,000.

The sneer of the boldest opponent of Foreign Missions is hushed when you confront him with the facts;—that 164,674 were won out of heathenism by the Christian Church last year, or 450 daily;—that there is now a native Christian church of over 2,100,000;—that while it took over 100 years to gather in the first million souls, the second million was added to the Church in 12 years, and at the present rate of progress the third million will be gathered in six years. Such facts confirm faith and quicken zeal. The prayer, "Thy Kingdom Come" is not the chimera of an impractical idealist, but a sober possibility:—"The new social order in which the relation of men to God shall be that of sons, and to each other, that of brothers."

The Synod of Illinois has made an unparalleled record in promoting this cause the past year. The last Synod made it the duty of your Committee "to once more bring *every member* of our churches face to face with the grave responsibility which rests upon the Presbyterian Church,—the evangelization of 100,000,000 souls in non-Christian lands"; in other words, to conduct an "Every Member Campaign" for Foreign Missions, and we are allowed the sum of $75 with which to prosecute the work.

Early in the fall we sent to every pastor and session sample of a leaflet entitled "Our Ideal" with subscription attached, to be used in congregations. Eighty churches ordered 13,500 of these leaflets. The returns from these churches rose from $11,364 in 1908 to $14,124 in 1909, an advance of $2,760 or 24 per cent. An ample return for the $45.00 expended by your committee in the effort. The statistics for the year closing April 30, 1909 are herewith presented.

STATISTICS OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.

YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1909.

PRESBYTERY	Number of Churches	Communicants.	Non-Contributing Churches	Amount Sent Direct to the Board								Amount in General Assembly Minutes		
				Congregations	Sunday Schools	Young People's Societies	Women's Societies	Total	Gain	Loss	Average per Member		Gain	Loss
Alton	61	6,741	15	$ 1,205	$ 262	$ 164	$ 749	$ 2,380	.....	$ 601	$ .35	$ 2,757	.....	$ 298
Bloomington	68	10,784	16	6,750	539	746	3,312	11,347	$ 901	.....	1.05	12,914	$2,082	.....
Cairo	45	3,404	23	262	84	153	327	826	132	.....	.24	853	232	.....
Chicago	100	28,944	1	17,040	1,770	2,351	15,770	36,931	.....	1,046	1.27	42,986	.....	1,211
Ewing	43	3,676	15	1,150	89	164	641	2,044	939	.....	.56	1,371	29	.....
Freeport	26	4,924	....	2,179	186	387	1,526	4,278	436	.....	.87	4,315	162	.....
Mattoon	58	6,816	11	1,153	102	157	1,123	2,535	.....	17	.37	2,482	.....	307
Ottawa	27	4,524	4	1,000	248	183	1,057	2,488	435	.....	.55	2,624	343	.....
Peoria	40	6,369	9	3,399	200	453	1,918	5,970	1,157	.....	.93	5,559	938	.....
Rock River	36	5,329	1	3,249	265	310	1,088	4,912	12	.....	.92	7,682	.....	2,015
Rushville	48	6,765	6	2,786	809	575	1,205	5,375	631	.....	.80	5,804	766	.....
Springfield	63	10,419	12	3,422	370	747	2,337	6,876	834	.....	.68	6,682	248	.....
Total, 1909	615	98,715	113	$43,595	$4,924	$6,390	$31,053	$85,962	$5,813	$1,664	$ .87	$96,029	$4,800	$3,831
Total, 1908	621	97,452	105	$40,138	$3,534	$5,799	$32,678	$82,149	.....	.....	$ .84	$95,060	.....	.....
Gain	....	1,263	8	$ 3,457	$1,390	$ 591	.....	$ 3,813	.....	.....	.....	*$ 969	.....	.....
Loss	6	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	$ 1,625	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

*There should be added to this amount the sum of $996.00 acknowledged in the Board's Report, but not credited to the Contributing Churches in the Assembly's Minutes; which makes the real gain of the year $1,965, and the total amount given the cause, $97,025.

Let us call attention to some interesting facts which it reveals. In Freeport Presbytery every church made an offering to Foreign Missions. Put Freeport on the Roll of Honor. In Chicago and Rock River every church but one. The total number of churches contributing was 502 and the number not contributing, 113.

The following thiry-two churches made contributions to the Board for which they receive no credit in the Assembly Minutes.

Alton Presbytery	
Steelville	$ 5.60
Carlyle	20.00
Bloomington Presbytery	
Bethel	$ 3.00
Colfax	7.00
Mt. Carmel	2.30
Sidney	2.50
Cairo Presbytery	
Ava	$ 1.40
Golconda	30.00
Good Hope	5.00
Chicago Presbytery	
Edgewater	$480.00
Hope	1.00
Erie Chapel	14.55
Ewing Presbytery	
Fairfield	$53.00
Wabash	53.00
Union	9.40
Mt. Olivet	5.10
Grayville	8.00
Union Ridge	2.25
Freeport Presbytery	
Apple River	$ 4.50
Mattoon Presbytery	
Wood's Chapel	$12.80
Chrisman	8.60
Peoria Presbytery	
Hopedale	$ 1.00
Astoria	3.00
Vermont	4.00
Rock River Presbytery	
Spring Valley	$51.00
Ladd	29.33
Rushville Presbytery	
Sugar Creek	$21.50
Fountain Green	55.00
Springfield Presbytery	
Irish Grove	$10.00
Macon	29.00
Smyrna	18.00
Williamsville	15.00
	$995.83

Nine Presbyteries increased their offerings to the Board to the amount of $5,813, while three fell behind by $1,664, leaving the net gain to the Board from this Synod for the year $3,813.

The General Assembly Minutes show that there was something over ten thousand dollars sent to the field from this Synod through channels other than the Board If the Board could but have all such sums from the whole church, it would quickly wipe out its deficit. Let us first be loyal to our own work, and also that offerings sent direct to the field without the Board's knowledge often unbalance conditions and disturb relations of workers on the field.

But the great work of your committee has been the larger Every Member Campaign launched in December. Mr. Henry P. Crowell of Chicago, moved by the urgent needs of the Board, and confident that all these needs could be met if all of the people of God in the church could be reached and led to give according to their ability,—called, first your

Chairman, and then the whole Foreign Mission Committee together, and made us the generous proposition to put in our hands $7,500, if we would conduct an energetic, business-like "Every Member" Campaign, and seek to arouse pastors and people to the tremendous responsibilty, and unparalleled opportunity which just now confronts the Presbyterian Church.

Your Committee felt that this splendid offer was the very call of God. They accepted it gratefully. Would this Synod ever have pardoned us if we had rejected it? Two days were given to prayer and the development of plans for this Campaign. When they were completed, they were laid before every Presbytery of the Synod, and without exception adopted.

Thus backed both by authority and abundant means we set to work. Mr. George N. Taylor, to whom belongs credit for having suggested the business idea which Mr. Crowell asked us to use, was engaged as Field Worker and gave up a more lucrative business position to do the work. An office was opened in your Chairman's study at Rock Island, and he has given almost his entire time to the work.

We have catalogued churches and pastors in a card index. We have gathered nearly 4,000 "Key Names" from among the lay workers of the church. We have published four issues of a little paper called the "Every Member Bulletin," and have distributed a large amount of other literature: but the most important thing accomplished is the enlistment of 175 churches with others being added daily, representing almost one-half the membership in a formal agreement to conduct an Every Member Campaign. This agreement involves three vital things. 1st—A pledge to go into the campaign. 2nd—The setting of a definite date for holding it. 3rd—The appointment of a Committee to assist the pastor and session in carrying it out. Some of the advantages of this "Sign Up" are:—

It is a definite decision to do something thorough.

Organization for the purpose.

Educational preparation for the offering.

Opportunity for the Synodical committee to assist at the right time.

The inspiration of a united movement.

The enlistment of lay workers.

We are profoundly convinced that this cause will never receive the steady and generous support which it should receive until the vital features of this "sign up" are made *permanent* working methods of our Churches. A definite obligation to a Parish Abroad, a definite time in the Church calendar for education and effort, a permanent Missionary Committee, which shall foster and feed the Missionary spirit of the whole church and carry on the work whether there is a pastor or not, and finally a definite subscription for this cause, which shall express our prayers and convictions. These are essentials to the highest success.

All this is possible, for the good women have had it for more than a quarter of a century, and the consequence is they put 520 out of our 946

workers in the field, and gave $384,259 exclusive of that which they receive from Young People's Societiees. It is the result of education and organization. When we organize the whole Church in the same way, we will begin to meet our responsibility to the unevangelized world.

We are now in the very midst of this Every Member Campaign and ask for the cordial approval and support of this Synod.

In this connection mention should also be made of another important movement for Foreign Missions—viz:"The National Missionary Campaign of the Layman's Movement," which has planned some seventy great Interdenominational Men's Meetings in as many cities extending from Boston to San Francisco, beginning in October and closing with a great Missionary Congress in the Auditorium, Chicago, May 3 to 6, 1910. It is proposed not only to present the facts and arguments for Foreign Missions from the platform by the ablest missionary experts, but to have an organized "follow up" campaign which will gather substantial fruits, organize forces in the local churches, and so leave permanent results.

The leaders of this movement have commended our Illinois campaign in a formal resolution, and expect large things in the Presbyterian Churches of Illinois, because of the preparation of the way by our own campaign. Let us labor and pray for a great spiritual blessing to our churches from this movement.

The last Assembly, speaking through its new agency the Executive Commission, has appropriated the sum of $1,262,000 to the Board of Foreign Missions for the current year. This, to come from the congregations and the Sunday Schools, Young People and Women's Boards, exclusive of legacies and private gifts. And emphasis is laid upon the fact that it is a minimum:—the amount absolutely needed for operation of the mission plant. Vastly more is demanded for new buildings, endowments and enlargement of the work. Of this total, $114,828 is asked from this Synod. This means an increase of almost $30,000 over what the Board received from us last year. But if every pastor and church will put on the Every Member Campaign, it will be easy to raise this sum,—yea thrice this sum. For an average ten cents a week from every member would mean more than $500,000 from the Synod of Illinois.

The Annual Meeting of the Woman's Home and Foreign Society was held at Quincy, October 6th and 7th. Your Chairman was privileged to be present and hear the reports. They show every presbytery organized for the Woman's work; 24 new societies organized, 10 presbyteries advanced gifts, receipts for the year $51,189. The key-note of fidelity sounded was, "Make your interests coincide with your duty."

Our Young People's Societies are also growing factors in this cause. There are about 300 of them, they nearly all hold monthly Missionary meetings; many have Mission libraries, they conducted 42 Study Classes last year, subscribed for 800 copies of the Missionary Magazines, and not a few of them belong to the tithe Givers "Tenth Legion." Last year they sent to the Treasury $6,390.

The Sunday Schools should also be mentioned in this connection. They made a remarkable advance of more than 25 per cent last year, lifting their offerings from $3,534 to $4,924, a gain of $1,390. The admirable work of Rev. Geo. H. Trull the Sunday School Secretary of the Foreign Board is bearing good fruit. Write for his literature and methods and let him help you into better missionary work.

The Board's report also shows that there were not a few private gifts and bequests from our Synod. Stewards of Christian wealth are learning that here is an exceptional opportunity for investment; Who can measure the far-reaching influence of a new Mission station, hospital or school. How blessed to plant and endow such an institution! We as pastors should help our men of wealth to see this privilege.

The Christian Church in the home-land needs this Foreign Mission work almost as much as the heathen world. We need it:—

To fulfill the Prophesies and Promises of God's Word.

To vindicate the claim of Christianity to be a universal religion.

To put Christians in perfect sympathy with Christ.

To exercise and develop Christian character.

To give employment to Christian money and save men from the blight of avarice.

To protect the home-land from the transported virus of heathenism.

To quicken the spiritual life of the Church and make it a missionary force in the home-land.

In view of the figures and facts which have been presented your Committee begs leave to submit the following Resolutions and Recommendations.

Resolved, 1. That Synod has heard with great pleasure of the generous gift of Mr. Henry P. Crowell, by which the Foreign Mission Committee has been enabled to inaugurate the Every Member Campaign for Foreign Missions; and that we hereby express our gratitude to Mr. Crowell for this timely assistance, and cordially commend this movement to all of our Churches which have not as yet enlistetd in it.

Resolved, 2. That we especially approve of the following features of the Every Member Campaign, and recommend our Churches to adopt them as rapidly as possible, as permanent features in their foreign mission work, viz: A Permanent Missionary Committee representing every department of Church life; A definite time for conducting a Missionary Campaign of instruction, and solicitation for offerings, on such basis as the Session of the Church may determine; The support of a Parish Abroad, in whole or in part; The raising of offerings upon the Subscription plan, preferably upon the weekly basis.

Resolved, 3. That we heartily rejoice in the National Campaign of the Laymen's Missionary Movement now in progress and desire to see

it achieve the largest succeess; therefore we recommend the Churches of Illinois to send representatives to the Conventions to be held in or near our State, viz: at Peoria, Rock Island, Moline, Davenport, Chicago and St. Louis.

Resolved, 4. That we call upon all our churches to respond to the apportionment of the General Assembly and make diligent effort to raise the $114, 828, or 30 per cent advance which has been allotted to the several Presbyteries.

Resolved, 5. That we encourage the work for Foreign Mission education and giving in our Sunday Schools under the wise methods of Rev. Geo. H. Trull of the Board. Also that we hereby send a request to the Sunday School Association of Illinois, to give the subject of Missions in the Sunday School a place upon the Annual Convention program.

Resolved, 6. That the Committee of Foreign Missions be allowed the sum of $100 for the prosecution of its work in the ensuing year.

WM. S. MARQUIS, *Chairman.*

The object and work of the Westminster Guild was presented to Synod by Miss Rumsey of the Lake Forest church.

The recommendations of the committee on General Church Work as previously read were taken up, considered and adopted.

Rev. J. R. E. Craighead reported for the committee on Bills and Overtures the following recommendations which were adopted.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures recommends:

I. The adoption of recommendation No. 5, submitted in the report of the Committee on Co-operation with the Executive Commission of the General Assembly, providing for an Executive Council with advisory powers.

II. That Standing Rule No. 4, in so far as there may appear to be conflict between this rule and the recommendation above, be suspended and that we herewith give notice of purpose to secure change of Standing Rule No. 4 at the next meeting of Synod.

Rev. S. M. Campbell reported for the committee of Finance. The report was adopted and is as follows:

1. The committee reports that we have examined the accounts of the late Treasurer and find them correct after the payment of a small amount due the heirs of the late treasurer.

2. We have examined the accounts of the acting treasurer, Mr. Johnson, and find them correct.

3. We recommend that the rate of assessment for the year be two cents per member; one cent for mileage and one cent for contingent fund.

4. We recommend that the committee on Christian Education be granted $225 for expenses the coming year.

5. We recommend that the committee on Foreign Missions be granted $75.00.

6. That the Committee on Brotherhood be granted $15.00.

7. We recommend that the bond of the Treasurer be for the sum of $3,000 and that the expense for the same be paid from the Synod's funds. S. M. CAMPBELL, *Chairman.*

Synod adjourned with prayer to meet in popular service at 7:30 o'clock this evening.

THURSDAY EVENING, 7:30 o'clock.

Synod met in popular service, Elder J. W. Galloway, presiding.

After devotional exercises, Rev. A. W. Halsey, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, delivered an address based on Romans 1:16 on the theme, "The Dynamic Power of the Gospel." Elder Charles G. Neeley, President of the Chicago Brotherhood, followed with an address on the Work of the Presbyterian Brotherhood.

Synod was called to order in business session.

Rev. H. M. Markley, in behalf of members of Synod, presented an expression of appreciation for the generous hospitality enjoyed from college and church.

Rev. Wm. Torrance offered the following resolution which was adopted:

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of 1827 passed the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the Presbyterian Church in the United States will, with all readiness of mind, co-operate with their Christian brethren of every denomination, together with every friend of our country and of humanity, in one great national effort to accomplish a universal change in the habits and customs of our country, relative to the intemperate use of intoxicating liquors," in compliance with this resolution and in harmony with the action of the General Assembly, the Synod of Illinois appoints the following persons to co-operate with our sister denominations in that union effort called the Anti-Saloon League in the attempt to banish the curse of intemperance from the land: *i. e.* Revs. W. S. Marquis, Geo. B. Safford, W. E. Spoonts, W. S. P. Bryan and Elder Sam T. Brush.

The Finance Committee through the chairman, Rev. S. M. Campbell offered the following as its final report, which was adopted:

We recommend that the committee having in charge the cases growing out of the union with the Cumberland Church be instructed to prosecute these cases assured of the sympathy and support of the Synod and that they be empowered to raise the funds for this purpose through the Presbyteries and from individuals reporting to us next year.

S. M. Campbell, *Chairman.*

Rev. J. R. E. Craighead presented the final report of the committee on Bills and Overtures, which was adopted as follows:

Your committee has considered Resolution 5 of the report of the committee on Home Missions calling attention to the establishment by the General Assembly of an "Advisory Council of Church Extension," consisting of representatives of the Boards of Home Missions, Church Erection and Publication and Sabbath School Work, together with representatives of each Synod, as shown in Minutes of the Assembly for 1909, pages 172 and 173.

We recommend that Synod approve of said Advisory Council and hereby appoint Rev. T. D. Logan as our representative in the Council.

The Committeee on Attendance and Absence, Rev. C. E. Alexander, chairman, made the following report, which was adopted:

The following commissioners have been excused for reasons which your committee deem sufficient:—

Alton Presbytery.

Thursday Afternoon—Elder E. D. Clark.
Wednesday Evening—Rev. W. A. Bodell.
Thursday Evening—Elder T. H. Perrin.

Bloomington Presbytery.

Wednesday Afternoon—Elder W. M. Camp.
Thursday Evening—Rev. J. M. Broady.
Thursday Evening—Elder Harry Kemper.
Thursday Evening—Rev. W. J. Caldwell.

Cairo Presbytery.

Thursday Afternoon—Rev. Daniel Breeze.
Thursday Afternoon—Rev. R. M. Dillon.
Thursday Afternoon—Elder H. A. DuBois.
Thursday Evening—Elder Dan Thomas.

Chicago Presbytery.

Thursday Noon—Rev. W. G. Trower.
Thursday Noon—Rev. E. T. Allen.

Thursday Evening—Elder D. L. Boden.
Thursday Evening—Elder J. J. Burrows.
Thursday Evening—Rev. M. E. Anderson.
Thursday Evening—Rev. W. E. Donaldson.
Thursday Evening—Elder O. L. Baskin.
Thursday Evening—Rev. E. B. Hubbell.

EWING PRESBYTERY.

Thursday Evening—Rev. W. P. Hosken.
Thursday Evening—Elder G. W. McNeece.
Thursday Evening—Elder T. H. Gutteridge.

MATTOON PRESBYTERY.

Thursday Afternoon—Elder S. S. Anderson.
Thursday Afternoon—Elder F. W. Hackett.

PEORIA PRESBYTERY.

Thursday Noon—Elder A. P. Rollo.
Thursday Afternoon—Elder J. M. Rice.
Thursday Evening—Rev. G. R. Scroggs.
Thursday Evening—Rev. R. B. Wilson.

ROCK RIVER PRESBYTERY..

Thursday Afternoon—Elder Elisha Lee.
Thursday Afternoon—Rev. F. A. Smiley.
Thursday Afternoon—Rev. Marion Humphreys.
Thursday Evening—Rev. Philip Palmer.
Thursday Evening—Elder M. H. Vail.

RUSHVILLE PRESBYTERY.

Thursday Noon—Elder J. N. McClung.

SPRINGFIELD PRESBYTERY.

Thursday Afternoon—Rev. E. C. Pires
Thursday Afternoon—Elder Wm. Nicol.
Thursday Evening—Elder R. E. Bone.
Thursday Evening—Elder J. D. Rogers.

The Stated Clerk reported for the committee appointed to nominate a Permanent Clerk as follows:

Your committee appointed to nominate a Permanent Clerk is obliged to report a division in its ranks. We have carefully considered a number of names submitted to us any one of whom one of your committee is willing to recommend. The other two members of the committee feel constrained to nominate the third on account of his unusual fitness for the position. We therefore respectfully suggest the name of Rev. Wm. T. Reynolds, of Rushville Presbytery. We believe our nominee to be peculiarly quali-

fied for the duties attached to this important office. Prior to his entering the Christian ministry he had twelve years of clerical experience, nine years as an expert reporter in the Circuit Court of the U. S. and three years as a member of the staff of a daily newspaper in our State Capitol. To the advantages of stenography and the use of the typewriter may be mentioned the natural gifts of a keen ear, a clear brain, a good voice and the fine quality of modesty which prevents him from consenting to subscribe to this report.

C. Harmon Johnson,
C. A. Highfield.

The report was adopted and Mr. Reynolds was declared elected.

Rev. Alexander Patterson, Director of the Presbyterian Training School for Christian Workers, in Chicago, addressed Synod on the hopeful outlook for the new institution.

The Stated Clerk reported concerning the chapel bibles ordered by the last Synod to be presented to Monmouth and Blackburn Colleges that they were sent to these Institutions and acknowledgements of thanks have been received from the Colleges.

The minutes were read and approved.

The roll was called and the following answered to their names:

FINAL ROLL CALL:

Alton Presbytery.

Ministers—G. W. Fisher, Frank Lonsdale, W. E. Archibald, R. F. Cressey, F. L. Goff, W. P. Baker, C. A. Highfield.
Elders—W. F. Dillman, S. G. Brown, W. M. Fisher, Hugh Bickett.

Bloomington Presbytery.

Ministers—W. E. Spoonts, Wm. Torrance, J. W. Mann, H. G. Dusenberry, S. Howard Smith.
Elders—E. Biglow, W. H. Roberts.

Cairo Presbytery.

Ministers—J. R. E. Craighead.
Elders—Z. W. Young.

Chicago Presbytery.

Ministers—W. S. P. Bryan, C. M. Brown, W. H. W. Boyle, C. W. Barnes, E. H. Curtis, Alexander Patterson.
Elders—I. P. Rumsey, A. S. Patterson.

Ewing Presbytery.

Ministers—W. B. Lile, A. G. Parker.
Elders—F. W. Kellar.

FREEPORT PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—H. M. Markley, H. L. Moore, M. L. Pearson.
Elders—None.

MATTOON PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—S. W. Patterson, T. B. McAmis, W. H. Day, H. A. Thompson, J. F. Rogers, R. H. McHenry.
Elders—J. H. Baird, W. H. Galbreath.

OTTAWA PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—Henry Abraham, Stado Munneke, M. C. Stonecipher.
Elders—Robert Pogue, S. J. Parker.

PEORIA PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—S. M. Campbell, B. Y. George.
Elders—J. R. Enford, F. W. Busse.

ROCK RIVER PRESBYTERY.

Ministers.—W. G. Oglevee.
Elders—W. S. Parks, W. J. Postlewaite.

RUSHVILLE PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—A. F. Ernst, O. W. Dyer, C. E. Alexander, H. F. Reid, E. H. Broyles, W. T. Reynolds.
Elders—I. N. Hosford, S. C. Hogue.

SPRINGFIELD PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—J. W. McDonald, L. D. Beck, E. R. North, W. S. Staub, A. B. Morey.
Elders—T. W. Gallaway, H. T. Allen, J. P. Foster, A. Dawson.

After singing the Hymn "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" and a prayer and the Benediction by the Moderator, Synod adjourned to meet at Carbondale, on the third Tuesday of October 1910, at 7:30 P. M.

WILLIAM T. REYNOLDS, *Permanent Clerk*.
C. HARMON JOHNSON, *Stated Clerk*.

APPENDIX

I —STANDING RULES OR BY-LAWS OF THE SYNOD

1. The general rules for the judicatories recommended from time to time by the General Assembly, shall be the rules of the Synod.

2. The Synod shall consist of commissioners chosen by the Presbyteries according to the ratio of one minister and one elder for every fifteen ministers and churches combined on the roll of each Presbytery. No representation shall be allowed for fractions and the basis of estimate shall be the figures reported to the last General Assembly. The Synod shall meet annually on the third Tuesday of October, at 7:30 p. m., and in the place designated at the previous annual meeting. The members of this corporation shall consist, immediately after its complete organization under the laws of the State of Illinois, of said commissioners, who shall become members as so selected by the respective Presbyteries from time to time, and continue such members during the current year for which selected by such Presbyteries. At any meeting of the Synod, whether annual or special, any seven ministers, members of Synod with as many elders, also members, as shall be present, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, provided not more than three of said ministers belong to one Presbytery.

Special meetings of the Synod may be called by the Moderator upon the application of the Board of Trustees or of any other ten members, in writing, and ten days' notice of any such special meeting shall be given by the Stated Clerk by mail to the last-known address of the members.

3. The officers of the Synod shall be a Moderator and two Temporary Clerks, who shall serve for one year; a Stated Clerk, who shall also be Treasurer, and a Permanent Clerk, who shall serve during the term of five years, or until their successors are elected. The Salary of the Stated Clerk and Treasurer shall be $250 per year, and that of the Permanent Clerk $75 per year. The Moderator and Permanent Officers shall be chosen by ballot, but in case only one nomination is made, the election shall be viva voce.

4. A Committee of Arrangements shall be appointed annually, consisting of six members, among whom shall be the Stated and Permanent Clerks, the Moderator, and the pastor of the church in which the Synod meets, the Stated Clerk to be ex-officio chairman. This committee shall prepare the order of business for the Synod in consultation with the chairmen of the permanent and standing committees as hereinafter described, and shall also have charge of the railroad transportation of the members.

5. A list of the commissioners of each Presbytery shall be forwarded by its Stated Clerk to the Stated Clerk of the Synod at least one week previous to the annual meeting.

6. The annual meeting of the Synod shall be opened with a sermon by the Moderator, or, in case of his failure, by some one designated by the Committee of Arrangements.

7. At least one-half hour of each day of the sessions shall be given to devotional services.

8. The following standing committees shall be appointed annually, viz:

On Bills and Overtures, seven members.

On Judicial Business, seven members.

On Minutes of the General Assembly, five members.

On Finance and Treasurer's Accounts, five members, of whom two at least shall be ministers.

On Attendance and Absence, five members.

On Next Place of Meeting, three members.

On Corresponding Members, three members.

On Records of the Presbyteries, one member to constitute a general committee to prepare and present the report, and twelve committees of three members each to examine the records of the Presbyteries and to report on the same to the general committee.

9. The Permanent Committees of Synod shall be seven in number.

1. *On the Spiritual Life of the Churches in the Bounds of the Synod.* It shall present the religious condition and needs of our churches, shall receive from the Presbyteries ten days before the annual meeting a written report on the state of religion covering a synodical year; shall prepare the narrative for the General Assembly, and present it for the consideration of Synod; and shall have charge of evangelistic and other movements looking to the quickening of the spiritual life, so far as these pertain to this Synod. The Communion of the Lord's Supper as observed by Synod may properly be held in connection with the consideration of this question.

2. *On Christian Education.* It shall take account of the religious condition of our youth in universities, colleges and schools, public and private; the maintenance of the church schools, colleges and seminaries in the bounds of Synod, including the regular visitation of these by the committees of Synod; the aid of colleges and academies under the care of the General Assembly. To this committee also is entrusted the question of the best method of presenting to the young men of our Synod the question of a call to the ministry and of promoting sound theological education within our bounds.

3. *On the Youth of the Church as Represented in Our Sabbath Schools and Young People's Organizations.* It shall devise measures to develop in our youth a clearer knowledge of the Word of God and of the active

duties of the Christian life, not only of our own Sabbath schools, but in the needy places of the land as cared for by the Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work.

4. *On Home Missions.* In addition to our Synodical Home Missions, this committee shall have charge of the interests of our work among the Freedmen and among the foreign populations within our bounds, and of the duty of our Synod to the Home Mission work of the Church at large.

5. *On Foreign Missions,* which shall see to it that the interests of this cause may be properly presented to Synod by addresses from time to time.

6. *On General Church Work,* in which are included systematic beneficence, ministerial relief, church erection, temperance reform, Sabbath observance and such other practical measures as are not hereinbefore provided for.

7. *On Presbyterian Brotherhood,* with the following duties: (1) the holding of a synodical convention; (2) The promotion of presbyterial organizations with working constitution and governing council; (3) The general promotion, unification and stimulation of the movement within the Synod.

These committees, except that of Home Missions which is governed by the General Rules adopted in 1902, and that of Foreign Missions, which is to consist of the chairmen of the presbyterial committees, shall consist of twelve members each, one from each Presbytery, to be appointed by the Synod, and there may be appointed on the Education Committee additional members not exceeding four.

10. The Synod shall at its annual meeting in each year elect from its members five (5) trustees, who shall hold office for one year, and until their successors shall be elected and qualified; such trustees shall have the care, custody and control of the real and personal property of the corporation, subject to the direction of Synod.

The Moderator for the current year shall be one of such five trustees and ex-officio chairman, and the Stated Clerk shall be Treasurer and Secretary. Deeds and conveyances of property may be executed in the name of the Synod, signed by the Moderator and attested by the Secretary or Treasurer, who shall attach thereto the seal of the Synod; such deeds and conveyances to be made only upon order, either general or special, of Synod duly assembled. All other activities of Synod, except those expressly devolved by Synod upon said trustees, shall be transacted by the Synod itself and its various committees, boards and agencies (as appointed by it), who shall require good and sufficient bonds, running to Synod, of all persons to whom the custody of funds is entrusted.

11. The duties of the officers of Synod shall be such as usually pertain to their respective officers.

12. The seal of the Synod shall be as follows: The emblem shall be an open Bible with these words on the left hand page: "The Word of

the Lord," and these on the right-hand page, "Endureth Forever," the whole surrounded with the words, "Synod of Illinois of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A."

13. The Moderator, who opens the annual meeting with a sermon, when not a commissioner, the chairmen of the permanent and special committees and the stated and permanent clerks of the Synod shall be ex-officio members thereof, with all the rights of members except that of voting.

14. To meet the contingent and mileage expenses of the Synod an apportionment covering the amount needed shall be levied annually on the presbyteries according to the number of communicants in their churches at their last report, the amount to be apportioned and recommended by the Standing Committee on Finance.

It shall be the duty of the treasurers of the presbyteries to remit the amount thus required of them to the Treasurer of the Synod on or before the first of May of each year.

15. The Minutes of the annual meeting of the Synod shall be published in pamphlet form, under the direction of the Stated Clerk, as soon as practicable after the adjournment, and in sufficient number of copies to supply every minister and every church session in the Synod with one copy each, and also for distribution at the next annual meeting of the Synod.

16. The janitor of the church where the Synod meets shall be paid $5.00 for his services.

17. These Standing Rules may be modified or repealed, one day's notice being given, and also temporarily suspended by a two-thirds vote of the Synod at an annual meeting.

II.—SUCCESSION OF MODERATORS

CUMBERLAND BRANCH, 1886-1906.

A. D.	Name.	Presbytery	Place.
1886	A. J. McGlumphy, D. D.	Mackinaw	Salem
1887	W. W. M. Barber	Vandalia	Lincoln
1888	J. A. Chase	Mackinaw	Grayville
1889	W. T. Ferguson, D. D.	Albion	Bethany
1890	J. G. White, D. D.	Mackinaw	Lincoln
1891	P. R. Danley, D. D.	Sangamon	Salem
1892	T. H. Perrin (elder)	Vandalia	Petersburg
1893	R. M. Tinnon, D. D.	Mackinaw	Danville
1894	A. E. Turner (elder)	Mackinaw	Chicago
1895	W. C. Logan	Chicago	Sullivan
1896	C. W. Yates	Albion	Enfield
1897	A. H. Stephens, D. D.	Chicago	Mattoon
1898	L. J. Claggett	Rushville	Virginia

1899	C. E. Hayes, D. D.	Mackinaw	Table Grove
1900	J. L. Hudgins	Albion	Mt Vernon
1901	J. W. Laughlin, D. D.	Chicago	Bethany
1902	J. F. Rogers	Sangamon	Lincoln
1903	D. E. Bushnell, D. D.	Vandalia	Decatur
1904	J. M. Johnston	Sangamon	Sullivan
1905	A. R. Taylor (elder)	Decatur	Irving
1906	T. H. Perrin (elder)	Vandalia	Danville

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS, 1882-1909.

1882	*Robt. W. Patterson, D. D.	Chicago	Springfield
1883	John W. Dinsmore, D. D.	Bloomington	Alton
1884	Ambrose C. Smith, D. D.	Freeport	Bloomington
1885	Benj. C. Swan, D. D.	Cairo	Centralia
1886	Edward C. Sickells, D.D.	Rock River	Mattoon
1887	*Amos H. Dean, D.D.	Schuyler	Oak Park
1888	Samuel M. Morton, D.D.	Springfield	Galesburg
1889	*John H. Worcester, D.D.	Chicago	Rochelle
1890	*Edwin L. Hurd, D.D.	Alton	DuQuoin
1891	Isaac A. Cornelison, D.D.	Peoria	Joliet
1892	Alex. B. Morey, D.D.	Springfield	Jerseyville
1893	*James A. Piper, D.D.	Mattoon	Peoria
1894	Frank F. Stoltz, D.D	Ottawa	Jacksonville
1895	Wm. A. Hunter, D.D.	Bloomington	Peoria
1896	Joseph H. Stephenson, D.D.	Cairo	Danville
1897	*James Lewis, D.D.	Chicago	Galesburg
1898	*David Clark	Freeport	Bloomington
1899	Jos. M. Ross	Schuyler	Joliet
1900	Thos. B. Greenlee, Ph.D.	Alton	Decatur
1901	Chas. N. Wilder, D.D.	Bloomington	Jacksonville
1902	Edwin L. Lord	Ottawa	Chicago
1903	Edgar L. Williams, D.D.	Peoria	Springfield
1904	Thos. D. Logan, D.D.	Springfield	Rock Island
1905	Wm. S. Marquis, D.D.	Rock River	Champaign
1906	S. F. Wilson (elder)	Mattoon	East St. Louis
1907	Abram G. Bergen	Chicago	Clinton
1908	J. R. E. Craighead	Cairo	Monmouth
1909	Hugh L. Moore	Freeport	Lake Forest

III.—SUCCESSION OF CLERKS

CUMBERLAND BRANCH, 1886-1906.

A.D.	Stated Clerks
1886	Neil D. Johnson.
1888	John W. Elder.
1895	George D. Willingham.

1898 Anthony M. Prewitt.
1898 Abram G. Bergen.

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS, 1882-1909.

A.D.	Stated Clerks.	A.D.	Permanent Clerks.
1882	*David S. Johnson, D. D.	1882	*Smith H. Hyde, D.D
1902	*Geo. J. E. Richards.	1902	Sherman L. Devine.
1909	C. Harmon Johnson.	1906	C. Harmon Johnson.
		1909	Wm. T. Reynolds.

For full list of Moderators and Clerks from 1831 see Minutes of 1902, pages 87-90.

IV. STATISTICAL REPORT OF PREBYTERIES

1—ALTON.

Alton Presbytery consists of the ministers and churches within the Counties of Calhoun, Greene, Macoupin, Bond, St. Clair, Montgomery, Jersey, Madison, Monroe, Randolph and Clinton, except the minister and church of Centralia.

CHAIRMEN OF PERMANENT COMMITTEES.

Home Missions—Rev. W. E. Archibald, 1232 Gaty Ave., E. St. Louis, Ill.

Foreign Missions—Rev. A. G. Lane, Alton, Ill.

Education—Rev. Walter H. Bradley, Upper Alton, Ill.

Publication and Sunday School Work—Rev. J. G. Reynolds, Madison, Ill.

Church Erection—Rev. Jas. R. Sager, Hardin, Ill.

Ministerial Relief—Rev. Howard Billman, 625 N. 31st St. E. St. Louis, Ill.

Freedmen—Rev. Alison Hunter, Greenville, Ill.

College Board—Rev. W. E. Archibald, 1232 Gaty Ave., E. St. Louis, Ill.

Systematic Beneficence—Rev. Elisha Safford, Edwardsville, Ill.

Narrative and Necrology—Rev. E. Wallace Waits, Granite City, Ill.

Young People's Societies—Rev. R. S. Stevenson, Greenville, Ill.

Temperance and Sabbath Observance—Rev. Guy E. Smock, Nokomis, Ill.

Brotherhood—Rev. R. F. Cressey, Hillsboro, Ill.

Ministers received—In 1909, E. Wallace Waits. St. Joseph, April 13; J. L. Henning, Rock River, April 13; C. A. Highfield, Helena, April 13; John F. Lackey, Ewing, April 13; John Rugh, Peoria, April 13; Robert B. Hodge, Helena, April 13; D. H. Barnwell, Rushville, July 6; J. W. Turner, Little Rock, Sept. 28; Edgar V. Haeden, Rushville, Sept. 28; Fred Reiner, Chicago Congregational Association.

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*Deceased.

Ministers Dismissed—E. Milton Page, to Presbytery Lima, Nov. 16, 1908; R. L. Evans, St. Louis, Dec. 7, 1908; Willis Patchen, Illinois Conference Methodist Episcopal Church, Dec. 7, 1908; W. M. Gardner, Genesee, Dec. 18, 1908; E. M. Calvin, Bellingham, Feb. 19, 1909; J. M. Newman, Muskogee, Feb. 19, 1909; J. J. Wilson, Mattoon, April 13, 1909; J. R. McIlroy, Southern Illinois, United Presbyterian Church, April 13, 1909; O. B. Lee, Springfield, April 13, 1909; B. L. Stuart, Solomon, Sept. 28, 1909; C. A. Keller, Sept. 28, 1909; W. T. Campbell, Peoria, Sept. 29, 1909.

Ordained—C. A. Keller, July 20, 1909.

Installations—J. G. Reynolds, Madison, May 6, 1909; E. Wallace Waits, April 29, 1909; John Rugh, White Hall, May 10, 1909.

Pastorates dissolved—E. Milton Page, Granite City, Nov. 16, 1908; R. L. Evans, Carrollton, Dec. 7, 1908; W. M. Gardner, Belleville, Dec. 18, 1908; E. M. Calvin, Chester, Feb. 19, 1909; W. J. McDavid, Irving, Sept. 28, 1909.

Churches organized—Marissa First, July 20, 1909, 32 members.

Candidates—Ross Wilson, Raymond; Howard Wilson, Raymond; W. D. Buchanan, East St. Louis First; Frank L. Eversull, East St. Louis, Winstanley Park; Lee Kortkamp, Hillsboro.

Times of Stated Meetings—Second Tuesday in April; Fourth Tuesday in September.

Name and Address of Stated Clerk—Rev. Walter H. Bradley, Upper Alton, Ill.

2—BLOOMINGTON

"The Presbytery of Bloomington in connection with the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America" consists of all the ministers and churches within the Counties of Iroquois, Vermilion, Champaign, Piatt (except the church and minister of Cisco), Dewitt, McLean, Ford (except the church and minister of Cabery), and all that portion of Livingston County lying south of the northern boundary of Congressional Township No. 26, and also the minister and church of ElPaso, in Woodford County.

Chairmen of Permanent Committees.

Home Missions—Rev. C. S. Davies, Fairbury.
Foreign Missions—Rev. H. H. Shawhan, Danville.
Education—Rev. J. G. Venable, Mahomet.
Sunday School Work—Rev. S. Howard Smith, Paxton.
Ministerial Relief—Rev. R. C. Dobson, Bloomington.
Church Erection—Rev. J. M. Broady, Gibson City.
Freedmen—Rev. J. I. Dool, Normal.
College Aid—Rev. L. H. Shock, Tolono.
Systematic Beneficence—Rev. C. S. Adams, Bement.
Temperance—Rev. E. F. Hoke, Chenoa.

Lake Forest College

Young People's Societies—Rev. J. H. Miller, El Paso.
American Tract and Bible Societies—Rev. C. A. Cloud, Sheldon.
Narrative—Rev. J. H. Morphis, Danville.
Evangelistic Work—Rev. H. G. Gleiser, Monticello.
Brotherhood—Rev. W. S. Findley, Urbana.
Ministers Received in 1909—H. B. Tuttle, Springfield, April 16,; A. H. Ziemer, Rock River, Sept. 22; Jas. E. Foster, Springfield, Sept. 22; Chas. J. Grimes, Indiana, Sept. 22; J. H. Collins, La Crosse, Sept. 22.

Ministers Dismissed—A. W. Denny, Presbytery of Springfield, Nov. 17, 1908; Theodore Balcoff, Des Moines, Jan. 7, 1909; A. T. Cory, Mattoon, April 12, 1909; Jas. M. Duer, Winnebago, April 12, 1909; Paul Heiligman, Ft. Wayne, April 13, 1909; A. H. Kelso, Mattoon, Sept. 21, 1909.

Installations—J. H. Morphis, Danville, Olivet, Jan. 21, 1909; Danville Second, Jan. 28, 1909; H. B. Tuttle, Mansfield, May 21, 1909; A. H. Ziemer, Allerton, Oct. 14, 1909.

Pastorates Dissolved—J. H. Morphis, Catlin, Dec. 10, 1908; Theodore Balcoff, Mansfield, Jan. 7, 1909; A. H. Kelso, Mt. Pleasant, Sept. 21, 1909.

Ministers Deceased—H. H. Ashmore, Jan. 1909, aged 77. Thomas Whitlock, March 21, 1909, aged 86.

Candidates—Geo. A. Hartman, Jr., Homer; Wm. H. Gleiser, Monticello; Floyd S. L. Berkeiser, Sheldon; H. E. Armstrong, Catlin; C. E. Spence, LeRoy; G. S. Sutton, Bloomington 2nd.

Times of Stated Meetings—Third Tuesday of September, and second Monday of April.

Name and Address of Stated Clerk—Rev. R. E. Anderson, Onarga, Illinois.

3—CAIRO

"The Cairo Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America" consists of all the ministers and churches within the Counties of Jackson, Williamson, Saline, Gallatin, Hardin, Pope, Johnson, Union, Massac, Pulaski and Alexander.

Chairmen of Permanent Committees.

Spiritual Life of the Church—Rev. Daniel Breeze, Shawneetown.
Christian Education—Rev. R. M. Dillon, Carbondale.
Youth of the Church—Rev. E. Breeze, Harrisburg.
Home Missions—Rev. James R. E. Craighead, Anna.
Foreign Missions—Rev. A. S. Buchanan, Cairo.
Beneficence—Rev. T. N. Hunt, Equality.
Church Erection—Rev. Robert Watt, Murphysboro.
Ministerial Relief—Rev. C. E. Combrink, Murphysboro.
Temperance and Sabbath Observance—Rev. H. C. Johnson, Cobden.
American Bible and Tract Societies—Rev. M. E. Morse, Crab Orchard.
Presbyterian Brotherhood—Rev. F. W. McClusky, Anna.

Ministers Received in 1909—Rev.Geo. L. Hunt, D. D., Madison, March 19; Rev. C. E. Combrink, Fort Wayne, April 20; Rev. H. C. Johnson, Muncie, April 20; Rev. T. M. Cornelison, Transylvania, April 20; Rev. J. S. Upton, Congregational Association, Ohio, April 20; Rev. S. P. Pryor, Nashville, Sept. 28; Rev. N. L. New, Ewing, Sept. 28.

Ministers Dismissed in 1909—Rev. T. D. Latimer, Obion Memphis, March 19; Rev. J. R. Trett, Cimarron, April 20; Rev. Charles McCluer, Ewing, April 20; Rev. F. D. Niedermyer, New York, April 20; Rev. J. M. Bean, Rushville, April 20; Rev. R. Heber Wightman, Ewing, April 20; Rev. Alfred Fowler, Olympia, Sept. 28; Rev. F. L. Gould, Springfield, Sept. 28; Rev. G. D. Humphrey, Springfield, Sept. 28.

Installations—Rev. C. E. Combrink, Murphysboro, April 29, 1909; Rev. H. C. Johnson, Cobden, May 5, 1909; Rev. T. N. Hunt, Equality, May 6, 1909.

Times of Stated Meetings—Third Tuesday in April and Fourth Tuesday in September, 7:30 p. m.

Name and Address of Stated Clerk—Rev. Daniel Breeze, Shawnetown, Illinois.

4—CHICAGO.

Chicago Presbytery consits of all the ministers and churches within the Counties of Lake, Cook, DuPage, Will and Kankakee, and in the Townships of Braceville, Felix and Greenfield, in Grundy County, and also the minister and church of Cabery, in Ford County.

Chairmen of Permanent Committees.

Church Extension—Rev. John Balcom Shaw, 1604 Prairie Ave.
Home Missions—Rev. Edward H. Curtis, 6138 Woodlawn Ave.
Church Erection—Rev. W. H. Wray Boyle, Lake Forest, Ill.
Publication and S. S. Work—Rev. W. S. Plumer Bryan, 840 Belden Ave.
Foreign Missions—Rev. Joseph A. Vance, 1448 E. 53d St.
Education—Rev. Andrew S. C. Clarke, Evanston, Ill.
Freedmen—Rev. Frank H. Hays, La Grange, Ill.
Ministerial Relief—Rev. Robert D. Scott, 11333 Indiana Ave.
College Board—Pres. John S. Nollen, Lake Forest, Ill.
Young People's Societies—Rev. Robert H. Beattie, Austin Sta., Chicago.
Tract Societies—Rev. Wilson E. Donaldson, 318 Clark Ave.
Brotherhood—Louis A. Bowman, Oak Park, Ill.
Evangelistic—Rev. John W. Nicely, 5828 S. Park Ave.
Bible Society—Rev. Alexander Patterson, 1902 Michigan Ave.
Temperance—Rev. Duncan C. Milner, 4336 N. Hermitage Ave.
Systematic Beneficence—Rev. C. Harmon Johnson, 4740 Indiana Ave.
Presbyterian Hospital—Rev. Martin D. Hardin, 2212 Washington Boul
Judicial Business—Rev. William W. Johnstone, River Forest, Ill.
Bills and Overtures—Rev. Herman D. Jenkins, Riverside, Ill.

Ministers Received—In 1908, Rev. Adolphus M. Lewis, from Santa Barbara Pres., Nov. 2; Henry Hepburn, Ottawa, Dec. 7; Bernard B. Sutcliffe,

Upper Missouri, Dec. 7; Charles M. Brown, Springfield, Dec. 7; Abraham D. Soper, Portland, Dec. 7; Robert H. Morris, Philadelphia N., Dec. 7.—In 1909, Olin M. Caward, Cent. Ill. Cong. Assn., Feb. 1; James R. Hill, Kansas City Pres., Feb. 1; David Park, North Laos, March 1; David E. Morell, Pueblo, March 1; John Welsh, Indiana, April 12; James J. Coale, Helena, April 12; Christopher Humble, Parkersburg, April 12; Henry K. Grose, Rushville, May 5; John T. Stone, Baltimore, May 24; Howard D. French, Cong. Church, Canton, Ill., June 10; Robert L. Shepherd, Kansas City, June 25; Alexander G. Patterson, Minneapolis, Sept. 13; Clarence E. Campbell, Springfield, Oct. 4; Walter C. Jones, Bellingham, Oct. 4; Charles H. Little, Olympia, Oct. 11.

Ministers Ordained—In 1909, Martin E. Anderson, April 18; Arthur M. Baker, May 2; Thomas W. Stewart, May 2; George W. Camp, May 2 David W. Ferry, May 5; Charles L. Ogilvie, May 16; J. Milton Mahaffy, May 26; Joseph R. Warnick, June 10; Walter S. Elliott, June 14, Benjamin W. Robinson, Sept. 13.

Ministers Dismissed—Charles C. Meek to Whitewater Presbytery, Oct. 19, 1908; Warren F. Goff, Madison, Nov. 2, 1908; James T. Marshall, Washington City, Nov. 2, 1908; Thomas W. Graham, Mattoon, Feb. 1, 1909; Albert A. Pfanstiehl, Raritan Classis; Feb. 1, 1909; Howell Isaac, Sacramento, March 1, 1909; Ouray O. Russell, Box Butte, March 1, 1909; J. Clair Leech, Ft. Wayne, March 29, 1909; Edwin H. Thias, Peoria, March 29, 1909; J. Albert Rondthaler, Muncie, March 29, 1909; Curtis B. Newsom, Kalamazoo, March 29, 1909; Alexander C. Manson, Detroit, March 29, 1909; Sytze De Bruine, Pella Classis, March 29, 1909; David Park, Kalamazoo, April 19, 1909; Robert Irwin, San Francisco, June 7, 1909; James R. Pratt, Los Angeles, June 28, 1909; Joseph A. McVeigh, Portland, Sept. 13, 1909; Adolphus M. Lewis, Solomon, Sept. 12, 1909; Pierce A. Chamberlain, Newark, Oct. 4, 1909.

Installed—Benjamin M. Brown, Onward, Oct. 23, 1908; Abraham D. Soper, W. Division, Dec. 16, 1908; David E. Morell, Berwyn, March 12, 1909; Charles N. Wilder, Windsor Park, March 9, 1909; Rollin G. Shafer, Gardner, May 9, 1909; Arthur M. Baker, Marlboro, May 2, 1909; George W. Camp, Hope, May 2, 1909; James J. Coale, Belden Ave., May 6, 1909; John T. Stone, Chicago Fourth, June 3, 1909; J. Milton Mahaffy, Manteno, May 26, 1909; Clyde L. Lucas, Morgan Park, July 7, 1909; Robert L. Shepherd, Wheaton, Sept. 23, 1909.

Pastorates Dissolved—In 1908, Warren F. Goff, Manteno, Nov. 2, Alexander Patterson, Morgan Park, Dec. 16; William E. McLennan, Belden Ave., Dec. 16.—In 1909, Jacob E. Snyder, Christ, March 1; J. Clair Leech, W. Division St., March 29; Alexander C. Manson, Eleventh, April 12; Armstead H. Stephens, Providence, April 19; Clyde L. Lucas, Harvey, June 7; Philip F. Matzinger, Campbell Park, Aug. 2; Albert D. Light, Roseland Central, Sept. 13; James M. Eakins, Emerald Ave., Sept. 13; Ralph B. Fisher, Drexel Park, Oct. 11.

Churches Organized—Erie Chapel, with 167 members, Feb. 10, 1909; Wheaton, with 50 members, April 20, 1909;

Church Disbanded—Douglas Park, Nov. 2, 1908.

Ministers Deceased—Rev. Clarkson B. Gillette, Oct. 7, 1908, aged 63; W. Robson Notman, Dec. 29, 1908, aged 48; William O. Tobey, April 8, 1909, aged 68.

Licentiates—James G. K. McClure, Jr., Lake Forest; Edward Loew, Chicago Second; Harry B. Wooding, Chicago Second; William J. Huestón, Covenant; William J. Ohan, Crerar Memorial; Eugene De Luca, Chicago Fourth; Hamilton F. Allen.

Candidates—Herbert I. Parrott, Chicago Second; Carl R. Longbrake, Chicago Second; Frank E. Allemong, Chicago Second; Walter H. Evans, Chicago Second; Charles F. Elfeld, Covenant; Theodore H. Assman, Covenant; Arthur W. Raabe, Bethany; Armin H. Ziemer, Bethany; Garrett H. Gross, Roseland Central; Charles E. Latchem, Morgan Park; Arthur E. Lehman, Olivet Memorial; Charles R. Murray, Chicago Third; Albert C. Ramsay, Chicago Third; Oscar H. Haase, Chicago Third; Seth C. Craig, Lake Forest; Horace F. Terry, Lake Forest; Oscar E. Helsing, Chicago Eleventh; Paul Glaser, Immanuel; Elisha T. Baroody, Fullerton Ave.; Jabir Shibli, Fullerton Ave.; Orlando K. Deever, Fullerton Ave.; Robert B. Newton, Kankakee; Oliver Stephenson; Herrick Lee Todd.

Stated Meetings—First Monday, June, August, October, November, December, February, March; second Monday, April.

Name and Address of Stated Clerk—Rev. James Frothingham, 5000 Madison Ave., Chicago, Ill.

5—EWING.

Ewing Presbytery consists of the ministers and churches within the Counties of Clay, Richland, Lawrence, Wabash, Edwards, Wayne, Jefferson, Washnigton, Perry, Franklin, Hamilton, White and Marion, including the minister and church of Centralia.

Chairmen of Permanent Committees.

Spiritual Life—Rev. John C. Christie, Carmi.
Christian Education—Rev. William P. Hosken, Mt. Carmel.
Youth of the Church—Rev. Samuel L. Roper, Norris City.
Home Missions—Elder J. E. Willis, Enfield.
Foreign Missions—Rev. A. G. Parker, Olney.
Beneficence—Rev. S. D. McCracken, Tamaroa.
Church Erection—Rev. S. L. Roper, Norris City.
Ministerial Relief—Rev. W. M. Maxton, DuQuoin.
American Bible Society—Rev. J. L. Hughey, McLeansboro.

Ministers Received—In 1908, John L. Hartsook, Oct. 13, Bloomington. In 1909, William P. Hosken, April 21, Rock River; Hugh B. Douglass, April 21, Alton; Henry C. Shook, April 21, McGee; Harvey J. McVicker, April 21, Springfield; William C. Mahr, Oct. 7, Carthage; Josephus Lathom, Sept, 22, Indiana.

Ministers Dismissed—In 1909, L. D. Beck, April 21, to Presbytery of Springfield; J. D. Lackey, April 21, Alton; M. Brooks, April 21, Rushville; L. D. Lasswell, July 27, Rushville; N. L. New, April 21, Cairo; Frank B. Allen, April 21, Houston; Harry D. Miller, April 21, Spokane.

Ordained—Frank B. Allen, Oct. 27, 1908.

Installed—Frank B. Allen, Nashville, Oct. 27, 1908; Charles McCluer, Flora, May 6th, 1909; John W. Hart, Albion, Oct. 28, 1908; John L. Hartsook, Bridgeport Group, Oct. 28, 1908; William C. Mahr, Enfield, Oct. 7, 1909.

Pastorates Dissolved—Enfield, L. D. Lasswell, July 27, 1909; Nashville, Frank B. Allen, April 22, 1909.

Candidates—David R. Piper, Sumner; Armour Smith, Golum; Albert G. Parker, Jr., Olney; Edwin G. Parker, Olney.

Stated Meetings—Third Tuesday in April and September, 7:30 p.m.

Name and Address of Stated Clerk—John B. Pomeroy, Lawrenceville, Illinois.

6—FREEPORT

Freeport Presbytery consists of the ministers and churches in the Counties of Jo Daviess, Stephenson, Winnebago, Boone, McHenry, Carroll and such part of Ogle as lies west of the third principal meridian.

Chairmen of Permanent Committees.

Home Missions—Rev. M. S. Axtell, Winnebago.
Foreign Missions—Rev. D. E. Williamson, Rockford.
Youth of Church—E. C. Miller, M.D., Marengo.
Education—Rev. R. M. Crissman, Galena.
Spiritual Life—Rev. B. L. Brittin, Belvidere.
General Church Work—Rev. W. B. Shirey, Savanna.
Church Erection—Rev. Angus Sillars, Ridgeville.
Ministerial Relief—Rev. S. C. Hay, Woodstock.
Beneficence—Mr. J. S. Schaeffer, Oregon.
Temperance—Rev. Thomas McGregor, Hanover.
Bible and Tract Soc.—Rev. J. H. Rheingans, Oregon.
Brotherhood—Mr. D. L. Graham, Freeport.
Examination of Candidates—Rev. T. S. Scott, Marengo.

Ministers Received—H. P. Armstrong, Cimmaron, Dec. 12, 1908; W. B. Shirey, Dayton, Sept. 14, 1909; Charles J. Wilson, Ottawa, Sept. 22, 1909.

Ministers Dismissed—In 1909, J. H. Boose, Ottawa, Feb. 6; F. H. Kroesche, to the German Presbytery of Galena, April 14; George A. McAllister, Hudson, April 14; D. A. Dickey, Niobrara, April 14; John L. Tait, Wooster, April 22; F. Y. Nichols, Dubuque, April 26; C. O. Shirey, Ft. Wayne, Sept. 14.

Ordained—George A. Harris, April 22, 1909.

Installed—H. P. Armstrong, Middle Creek, Deecember 8, 1908; Charles J. Wilson, Rockford Westminster, Sept. 22, 1909.

Pastorates Dissolved—In 1909, J. H. Boose, Rockford Westminster, Feb. 6; George A. McAllister, Galena South, April 14; J. L. Tait, Harvard, April 22; F. Y. Nichols, Savanna, April 26.

Minister Deceased—S. M. Crissman, January 16, 1909, aged 75.

Church Organized—Hebron First, June 8, 1909, with 61 members.

Churches Dismissed—Prairie Dell and Foreston Grove to the German Presbytery of Galena.

Licentiates—Milton G. Hanna, Endeavor Church, Chicago; G. William Barnum, Bethany Church, Chicago.

Candidates—Paul Ratsche, Hanover; John Chase, Hanover; Jay Davenport, Freeport First; Floyd Barr, Dakota; Pearl Cheek, Hanover.

Stated Meetings—Second Monday of April and September, 7:30 p.m.

Stated Clerk—Rev. Thomas Smith Scott, D. D., Marengo, Ill.

7—MATTOON.

Mattoon Presbytery consists of the ministers and churches in the Counties of Shelby, Moultrie, Edgar, Coles, Clark, Cumberland, Fayette, Effingham, Jasper, Crawford and such part of Christian as li s east of the third principal meridian.

Chairmen of Permanent Committees.

Home Missions—Rev. Henry A. Thompson, Tuscola.

Foreign Missions—Rev. Ira W. Allen, Jr., Paris.

Education—Rev. William H. Mason, Bethany.

Publication and Sunday School Work—Rev. Billups F. Lawrence, Newman.

Church Erection—Rev. Alcephas R. Brown, Toledo.

Ministerial Relief—Rev. William W. M. Barber, Windsor.

Freedmen—Rev. William H. Day, Oakland.

Colleges—Rev. Alfred T. Cory, Sullivan.

Young People's Societies—Rev. Samuel W. Patterson, Altamont.

Temperance—Rev. Joseph F. Rogers, Assumption.

Systematic Beneficence—Rev. Charles T. Phillips, Palestine.

Sabbath Observance—Rev. Tilghman A. Williams, Dudley, R.F.D. 12.

American Bible and Tract Societies—Rev. Robert H. McHenry, Rardin.

Brotherhood—Mr. J. C. Starkey, Mattoon.

Ministers Received—In 1909, Thomas W. Graham, Chicago, Feb. 18; John J. Wilson, Alton, April 14; Alfred T. Corey, Bloomington, April 14; Thomas B. McAmis, Arkansas, April 26; Andrew H. Kelso, Bloomington, Sept. 22; William C. Logan, Indianapolis, Sept. 22.

Ministers Dismissed—In 1909, Charles L. Overstreet, San Antonio, Mar. 29; Thomas W. Graham, Minneapolis, June 11; R. Lloyd Roberts, Eastern Ohio Congregational Association, June 11; Edward B. Landis, Princeton, Aug. 27; Samuel P. Taylor, Springfield, Sept. 21; Ruford W. Tyler, Indianapolis, Sept. 21; Edwin Craven, Indiana, Sept. 22; Edwin M. Martin, Ottawa, Sept. 22.

Installed—Thomas W. Graham, Mattoon Broadway, Feb. 18, 1909; Alfred T. Corey, Sullivan, May 12, 1909.

Pastorates Dissolved—In 1909, Charles L. Overstreet, Charleston First, March 29; Thomas W. Graham, Mattoon Broadway, June 11; John McMillan, Tower Hill, July 12; Edward B. Landis, Neoga, Aug. 27; Edwin M. Martin, Mattoon First, Sept. 22.

Minister Deceased—Nathaniel C. Green, Aug. 7th, 1909, aged 84.

Churches Disbanded—McCown and Newman united, taking name of latter April 14, 1909. Dropped from roll, Loogootee and Kaskaskia.

Candidates—Carroll J. Tucker, Mattoon First; Perley Coombs, Charleston Central; George O. Douglas, LaFayette.

Times of Stated Meetings—Second Tuesday in April and third Tuesday in September, at 7:30 p.m.

Name and Address of Stated Clerk—Rev. John A. Tracy, Shelbyville, Illinois.

8—OTTAWA

The Presbytery of Ottawa consists of the ministers and churches in the Counties of DeKalb, Kane, Kendall, Grundy, LaSalle, Putnam, Livingston, and such portions of Ogle, Lee, Marshall and Woodford as lie east of the third principal meridian, except that portion of Livingston County lying south of the northern boundary of Congressional Township No. 26, and the minister and church of El Paso in Woodford County, which shall remain in Bloomington Presbytery, and the townships of Braceville, Felix and Greenfield in Grundy County, which shall remain in Chicago Presbytery.

Chairmen of Permanent Committees.

Home Missions—Rev. Geo. Dunlap, Waterman.

Foreign Missions—Rev. Robt. B. McCain, Wenona.

Church Erection—Rev. Stado Munneke, Mendota.

Ministerial Relief—Rev. Henry Abraham, Morris.

Freedman—Rev. Chas. H. Miller, Paw Paw.

Sunday School Work—Rev. Donald K. Campbell, Ottawa.

College Board—Rev. M. C. Stonecipher, Troy Grove.

Education—Rev. James G. Butler, Oswego.

Temperance—Rev. B. R. Vonder Lippe, Earlville.

Systematic Beneficence—Rev. J. C. Haswell, Utica.

Young People's Societies—Rev. J. Turner Hood, Oswego.

Ministers Received—Charles H. Miller, Ewing, Dec. 10, 1908; John Henry Boose, Freeport, April 14, 1909; J. Turner Hood, St. Joseph, April 14, 1909.

Ministers Dismissed—In 1908, Gerald D. Heuver, Los Angeles, Oct. 12; Edwin Harris, Springfield, Oct. 20; Henry Hepburn, Chicago, Nov. 27; In 1909, Herbert A. Bradford, Springfield, April 14; James D. McCaughtry, Carthage, April 14; Chas. J. Wilson, Freeport, Sept. 15.

Ordained—George T. Scott, April 14, 1909.

Installed—Charles H. Miller, Paw Paw, Dec. 10, 1908; Robert B. McCain, Wenona, Jan. 13, 1909; John Henry Boose, Pontiac, April 21, 1909.

Pastorates Dissolved—In 1908, Gerald D. Henver, Wenona, Oct. 12; Edwin Harris, Oswego, Oct. 29; James A. Liggitt, Pontiac, Nov. 19; Henry Hepburn, Aurora, Nov. 27; Robert B. McCain, Ausable Grove, Dec. 1; In 1909, Joseph H. Stevenson, Kings, April 14; James D. McCaughtry, Streator, April 14.

Candidate—Harry Thresher, Pontiac.

Times of Stated Meetings—Second Tuesdays of September and April.

Name and Address of Stated Clerk—Rev. John S. Martin, Rochelle, Ill.

9—PEORIA.

"The Presbytery of Peoria of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America" consists of the ministers and churches in the Counties of Knox, Stark, Fulton, Peoria, Tazewell and such portions of Marshall and Woodford as lie west of the third principal meridian, and such portions of Mason and Logan as lie north of the line between Townships 20 and 21, north.

Chairmen of Permanent Committees.

Home Missions—Rev. Hugh Jack, Peoria.

Foreign Missions—Rev. James Benson, Peoria.

Education and Aid for Colleges—Rev. J. G. Lowrie, Ipava.

Sunday School Work and Young Peoples' Societies—Rev. A. M. Little, Peoria.

Ministerial Relief—Rev. D. W. McMillan, Eureka.

Church Erection—Rev. J. A. Sankey, Peoria.

Sabbath Observance and Temperance—Rev. B. Y. George, Elmwood.

Systematic Beneficence—Rev. Stuart M. Campbell, Galesburg.

Publication, American Bible and Tract Societies—Rev. Max B. Wiles, Princeville.

History and Biography—Rev. A. R. Mathes, Knoxville.

Brotherhood—Rev. T. D. Acheson, Lewiston.

Narrative and Evangelism—Rev. S. A. Teague, Yates City.

Ministers Received—In 1908, D. Lloyd Jones, Kalamazoo, Nov. 10. In 1909, Elmer J. Bouher, Indiana, April 21; Sherman A. Teague, Rushville, April 21; Edwin H. Thias, Chicago, April 21; Chas. F. Wilson, Rushville, Sept. 22.

Ministers Dismissed—In 1909, Edgar L. Williams, Indianapolis, April 20; D. Lloyd Jones, Winona, April 21; John Rugh, Alton, April 21; David A. Newell, St. Louis, Sept. 22; Peter H. McIntosh, Springfield, Sept. 22.

Installed—W. Bryson Smith, Altona, Nov. 10, 1908; Edwin H. Thias, Elmira, May 27, 1909; Elmer J. Bouher, Table Grove, June 2, 1909; D. W. McMillan, Eureka, Sept. 30, 1909; Chas. F. Wilson, Oneida, Sept. 29, 1909.

Pastorates Dissolved—Chas. H. Ticknor, Eureka, May 18, 1909; D. W. McMillan, Bethel, July 20, 1909.

Ministers Deceased—Rev. John Weston, June 6, 1909, aged 70 years; Rev. Wm. B. Harris, Aug. 16, 1909, aged 96.

Candidates—Oscar Nelson, Ipava; Ethan Allen, Canton; G. S. B. Acheson, Lewiston.

Times of Stated Meetings—Third Tuesday in April and September.

Names and Address of Stated Clerk—Wm. H. Pumphrey, 117 W. Armstrong Ave., Peoria, Ill.

10—ROCK RIVER

Rock River Presbytery consists of the ministers and churches in the Counties of Whiteside, Rock Island, Mercer, Henry, Bureau, and such portion of Lee as lies west of the third principal meridian, and the minister and church of Alexis in Warren County.

Chairman of Permanent Committees.

Home Missions—Rev. C. G. Richards, Sterling.

Foreign Missions—Rev. W. S. Marquis, Rock Island.

Education—Rev. E. L. Lord, Kewanee.

Sunday School Work—Rev. Marion Humphreys, Rock Island.

Church Erection—Rev. Philip Palmer, Seaton.

Relief—Rev. L. C. Voss, Woodhull.

Freedmen—Rev. L. F. Cooper, Hamlet.

Aid for Colleges—Rev. F. A. Smiley, Geneseo.

Systematic Beneficence—Rev. W. C. Crofts, Morrison.

Narrative—Rev. N. W. Thornton, Keithsburg.

Young People's Societies—Rev. E. E. Davis, Alexis.

Evangelistic Work.—Rev. S. S. Cryor, Dixon.

American Bible Society—Rev. J. R. McGlade, Princton.

Temperance—Rev. W. G. Oglevee, Rock Island.

Pastoral Relations—Rev. C. G. Richards, Sterling.

Presbyterian Brotherhood—Elder Morrison Vail.

Ministers Received—In 1908, Elmer E. Davis, White Water, Dec. 23. In 1909, J. R. McGlade, Portland, April 14; A. E. Moody, Dubuque, April 28; J. N. Robertson, Fargo, June 15; H. A. Bradford, Ottawa, June 15.

Ministers Dismissed—In 1908, E. L. Combs, Neosha, Sept. 14; W. R. Hoskins, Ewing, Dec. 28. In 1909, J. L. Henning, Alton, Jan. 6; R. E. Fleming, Emporia, May 20; A. H. Zeimer, Bloomington, May 20.

Minister Ordained—F. C. Gleason, Sept. 14, 1909.

Installed—In 1908, C. E. Fisk, Viola Church, Dec. 1. In 1909, A. W. McMakin, Albany, May 17; A. E. Moody, Aledo, April 28; J. R. McGlade, Princeton, May 20; J. N. Robertson, Joy and Peniel, June 15.

Pastorates Dissolved—In 1908, E. L. Combs, Joy and Peniel, Sept. 14; W. P. Hoskins, Princeton, Dec. 23. In 1909, J. L. Henning, Edgington, Jan. 6; R. E. Fleming, Norwood, April 14; A. H. Zeimer, Fulton, May 20.

Times of Stated Meetings—Second Tuesdays of April and September.

Name and Address of Stated Clerk—Rev. Philip Palmer, Seaton, Illinois.

11—RUSHVILLE

Rushville Presbytery (formerly named Schuyler) consists of the ministers and churches in the Counties of Henderson, Hancock, Adams, Pike, Brown, Schuyler, McDonough and Warren, except the minister and church of Alexis.

CHAIRMAN OF PERMANENT COMMITTEES.

Home Missions—Rev. E. M. Clingan, Quincy.

Foreign Missions—Rev W. R. King, Monmouth.

Sunday Schools—Rev. J. M. Thompson, Macomb.

Church Erection—Rev. G. T. Griscell, Biggsville.

Freedmen—Rev. J. C. Francis, Prairie City.

Education—Rev. H. F. Reid, Macomb.

Colleges—Rev. A. A. Pratt, Bardolph.

Ministerial Relief—Rev. W. T. Reynolds, Camp Point.

Systematic Beneficence—Mr. C. B. Griffith, Rushville.

Temperance and Sabbath—Rev. A. T. Huber, Macomb.

Young People's Societies—Rev. C. E. Alexander, Bushnell.

Bibles and Tracts—Rev. E. H. Broyles, Mt. Sterling.

Brotherhood—Rev. S. R. Boyd, Monmouth.

Narrative—Rev. W. T. Reynolds, Camp Point.

Ministers Received—In 1908, C. A. Foreman, Indianapolis, Oct. 21. In 1909, J. A. Daly, Fort Wayne, April 14; Linden D. Lasswell, Ewing. Sept. 14; E. N. Quist, Cayuga, Sept. 14; J. M. Bean, Cairo, Sept. 15; Worden P. Nicholas, Iowa, Sept. 15.

Ministers Dismissed—In 1909, W. A. Hutchinson, Indiana, Jan. 22; L. C. McBride, St. Cloud, Jan. 22; J. N. Steele, Ozark, April 13; S. A. Teague, Peoria, April 14; H. K. Grose, Chicago, April 14; J. L. Sawyer, Iowa City, May 13; C. F. Wilson, Peoria, June 22; E. V. Headen, Cairo, July 29.

Minister Ordained—C. E. Havener, April 14, 1909.

Installed—In 1908, C. A. Foreman, Rushville, Dec. 3. In 1909, M. Brooks, Argyle and Mt. Carmel, May 13; J. A. Daly, Augusta, July 29; H. N. Hall, Bethel Church, Hamilton, Sept. 16; W. P. Nicholas, Kirkwood, Sept. 28; L. D. Lasswell, Good Hope, Oct. 14.

Pastorates Dissolved—S. R. Boyd, Kirkwood, Dec. 8, 1908; W. A. Hutchinson, Augusta, Jan. 22; E. V. Headen, Good Hope, April 14; Chas. F. Wilson, Oquawka, June 22.

Candidates—Homer M. Campbell, Monmouth; Owen V. Pratt, Bardolph; Everett Gastineau, Mt. Carmel.

Times of Stated Meetings—Second Tuesdays of April and September.

Name and Address of Stated Clerk—Rev. A. F. Ernst, Macomb, Ill.

12—SPRINGFIELD.

Springfield Presbytery consists of the ministers and churches in the counties of Cass, Menard, Macon, Sangamon, Morgan, Scott and such portion of Christian as lies west of third principal meridian, and such portions of Logan and Mason as lie south of the line between Townships 20 and 21, north, and the church and minister of Cisco in Piatt.

Chairmen of Permanent Committees.

Home Missions—Rev. W. H. Penhallegon, Decatur.

Foreign Missions—Rev. O. A. Smith, Lincoln.

Education—Rev. A. B. Morey, Jacksonville.

Freedmen—Rev. P. J. Marsilje, Athens.

College Board—Rev. J. M. Johnston, Petersburg.

Systematic Beneficence—Rev. W. L. Staub, Decatur.

Church Erection—Rev. A. B. Morey, Jacksonville.

Ministerial Relief—Rev. J. W. Elder, Argenta.

Sabbath School Work—Rev. E. M. Steen, Springfield.

Young People's Societies—Rev. J. W. McDonald, Decatur.

Temperance—Rev. M. C. Cockrum, Decatur.

Bible Society—Rev. E. P. Rankin, Morrisonville.

Tract Society—Rev. E. C. Pires, Divernon.

Brotherhood—Pres. A. R. Taylor, Decatur.

Ministers Received—In 1908, Wm. L. Staub, Columbus, Oct. 29. In 1909, Edwin Harris, Ottawa, Jan. 28; A. W. Denny, Bloomington, April 13; Wm. J. Rainey, Grand Rapids, April 13; Oscar B. Lee, Alton, April 13;

L. D. Beck, Ewing, April 13; Thomas J. Claggett, Kansas City, Sept. 22; J. O. Hough, Sedalia, Sept. 22; L. D. Hendrick, Sedalia, Sept. 22; Sam'l. P. Taylor, Mattoon, Sept. 22.

Ministers Dismissed—In 1908, Edward Montgomery, Helena, Oct. 29; Chas. M. Brown, Chicago, Nov. 27. In 1909, L. J. Hawkins, Mouse River, Apr. 14; Wm. F. Gibson, Milwaukee, Apr. 14; H. B. Tuttle, Bloomington, Apr. 14; Jas. E. Foster, Bloomington, Sept. 22; C. F. Record, New York, Sept. 22; J. Weston Mays, Iowa, Sept. 22; E. M. Dill, Westchester, Sept. 22; C. E. Campbell, Chicago, Sept. 22.

Installed—In 1908, Wm. L. Staub, Decatur Westminster, Nov. 2; In 1909, J. W. Eltzholtz, Jacksonville Northminster, Jan. 21; Juett N. McDonald, Maroa, Jan. 29; Wm. J. Rainey, Middletown, May 11; Geo. A. Wilson, Rock Creek, May 13; Edwin Harris, Unity, May 27; Robt. Carson, Winchester, Oct. 14; L. D. Hendrick, Fancy Prairie, Oct. 14; P. J. Marsilje, No. Sangamon, Sept. 30; A. R. Allison, Pawnee, Oct. 12; E. M. Steen, Springfield 5th, Oct. 28.

Pastorates Dissolved—Edward Montgomery, Maroa, Oct. 29, 1908; Robt. Carson, Macon, Apr. 14, 1909; C. E. Campbell, Taylorville, Sept. 22, 1909; E. M. Steen, Pleasant Plains, Sept. 22, 1909.

Ministers Deceased—Joshua L. Crawford, May 31, aged 64; Geo. J. E. Richards, June 6, aged 60.

Churches Organized—Decatur, Westminster, Oct. 5, 1908, with 69 members.

Churches Disbanded—New Holland, dropped from roll.

Licentiates—G. W. McDivett, Smyrna; Edgar S. Hill, Macomb; W. R. Cremeans, W. Lin Hurie, Rock Creek; W. A. Friendinger, Springfield 1st.

Candidates—Geo. White, Unity; H. A. McKean, Unity; John Lyons, Decatur, Westminster; Bird New, Earl Bryant, Decatur "A"; Edgar W. Smith, Mt. Zion; Wm. Arthur Conel, Decatur "A"; C. A. Carriel, Jacksonville, State St; C. R. McKean, Unity.

Time of Stated Meetings—Second Tuesday in April; third Tuesday in September.

Name and Address of Stated Clerk—John Boden, Petersburg.

V. SUMMARY OF STATISTICS OF THE SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.

For the Year Ending October 1, 1909.

PRESBYTERY.	Ministers Received.	Ministers Dismissed.	Ministers Deceased.	Installations.	Ordinations.	Pastorates Dissolved.	Licentiates	Candidates	Whole Number of Ministers.	Churches Disbanded, Dismissed and Dropped.	Churches Organized and Received.	Edifices Built.	Manses Acquired.	Churches with Pastors and Pastors-Elect.	Churches with Stated Supplies.	Vacant.	Whole Number of Churches.	Church Membership.	Sunday School Membership.	STATED CLERKS
Alton	10	12	...	3	1	5	...	5	46	...	1	...	...	26	25	11	62	6,773	7,668	Rev. W. H. Bradley, Upper Alton
Bloomington	5	6	2	3	...	3	...	6	52	...	...	...	...	38	10	20	68	10,784	8,251	Rev. R. E. Anderson, Onarga.
Cairo	7	9	...	3	...	...	...	...	25	...	...	...	...	11	18	17	46	3,404	3,085	Rev. Daniel Breeze, Shawneetown.
Chicago	21	19	3	12	10	12	7	24	180	1	2	1	1	75	13	12	100	28,944	29,850	Rev. Jas. Frothingham 5000 Mad. Ave.
Ewing	7	7	...	5	1	2	...	4	25	...	...	...	...	9	18	16	43	3,676	3,593	Rev. John B Pomeroy, Lawrenceville.
Freeport	3	7	1	2	1	4	2	5	26	2	1	...	...	17	4	6	27	4,924	4,029	Rev. T. S. Scott, Marengo.
Mattoon	6	8	1	2	...	5	...	3	39	3	...	...	...	17	31	10	58	6,608	5,081	Rev. John A. Tracy, Shelbyville.
Ottawa	3	6	...	3	1	7	...	1	24	...	...	1	1	16	3	8	27	4,524	4,011	Rev. J. S. Martin, Rochelle.
Peoria	5	5	2	5	...	2	...	3	36	...	...	...	...	25	5	10	40	6,389	5,317	Rev. W. H. Pumphrey, Peoria.
Rock River	5	5	...	5	1	5	...	...	36	...	...	1	...	26	6	4	36	5,329	4,864	Rev. Philip Palmer, Seaton.
Rushville	6	8	...	6	1	4	...	3	43	...	...	...	...	16	20	12	48	6,765	5,744	Rev. A. F. Ernst, Macomb.
Springfield	10	10	2	11	...	4	5	5	60	1	1	...	...	27	19	17	63	10,419	7,898	Rev. John Boden, Petersburg.
Total	88	102	11	60	16	53	14	59	592	7	5	3	2	303	172	143	618	98,539	89,391	

VI.—OFFICERS AND REPORTS OF THE WOMEN'S SYNODICAL SOCIETY OF HOME MISSIONS.

OFFICERS.

President—Mrs. A. G. Beebe, Chicago.

Vice-Presidents—Mrs. A. R. Taylor, Decatur; Mrs. E. C. Ely, Peoria; Mrs. N. S. Bergen, Lincoln; Mrs. Wm. H. Dean, Chicago; Mrs. H. R. Taylor, Springfield; Mrs. J. E. Bangs, Chicago.

Corresponding Secretaries—Miss Fannny F. Cleland,, 539 Twentieth St., Rock Island; Miss Rosabel Stewart, Nineteenth St., Rock Island.

Recording Secretary and Treasurer of Contingent Fund—Miss Frances I. Perry, Bloomington.

Secretary of Literature—Miss E. B. Griffith, Rushville.

Secretary of Young People's Work—Mrs. N. S. Bergen, Lincoln.

Secretary Freedmen's Dept.—Mrs. J. T. Foster, Washington.

Secretary Westminster Guild—Miss Dorothy Fuller, Evanston.

SYNODICAL COMMITTEE

Alton Presbytery—
- Mrs. S. L. Trumbull.....Alton
- Mrs. William Barnard .....Chester
- Mrs. W. E. Archibald .....E. St. Louis

Bloomington Presbytery—
- Mrs. E. W. Alvord .....Bement
- Mrs. C. A. Pierce .....Leroy
- Mrs. F. W. Hawley .....Bloomington

Cairo Presbytery—
- Mrs. Daniel Breeze .....Shawneetown
- Mrs. C. H. Wiley .....Anna
- Mrs. E. S. Dewey .....Cairo

Chicago Presbytery—
- Mrs. W. C. Craig .....Chicago
- Mrs. J. W. Helmer .....Chicago
- Mrs. W. H. Goodinson .....Chicago
- Mrs. E. H. Curtis.....Chicago

Ewing Presbytery—
- Mrs. W. C. Smith .....Carmi
- Mrs. J. O. Amos .....Fairfield
- Mrs. A. E. Shinn .....Flora

Freeport Presbytery—
- Miss Anna Felt .....Galena
- Miss Agnes McMichael .....Caledonia
- Mrs. H. L. Moore .....Freeport

Mattoon Presbytery—
Mrs. J. A. Piper ..... Charleston
Mrs. G. D. Jerauld ..... Vandalia
Mrs. W. J. Hunter ..... Paris

Ottawa Presbytery—
Mrs. D. K. Campbell ..... Ottawa
Mrs. H. A. Martin ..... Rochelle
Mrs. B. M. Stoddard ..... Minonk

Peoria Presbytery—
Mrs. R. C. Grier ..... Peoria
Mrs. B. Y. George ..... Elmwood
Mrs. S. O. Loughridge ..... Peoria

Rock River Presbytery—
Mrs. W. S. Marquis ..... Rock Island
Mrs. R. E. Robinson ..... Albany
Mrs. J. M. Wallace ..... Aledo

Rushville Presbytery—
Mrs. W. R. King ..... Monmouth
Mrs. M. P. Ormsby ..... Hamilton
Mrs. J. F. Young ..... Carthage

Springfield Presbytery—
Mrs. Clinton Conkling ..... Springfield
Mrs. B. H. Brainard ..... Lincoln
Mrs. C. C. Brown ..... Springfield

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

Another mile-stone has been reached and while trying to gather up the results of the past months we remember the hope and courage of those who have given so largely of time and strength; labors faithfully performed; the joy in the service rendered by the loyal women of Illinois, always cheerful under difficulties and patient when the clouds hang low—and we long to "put it all in" for, as one has said:—"Our reports, the equipment and machinery of organization are not the chief or real things—they are only the wherewithal to open the way. It is the spiritual life and growth shining through which tells the *real* story of the year's work."

I would that the shining might make bright the dull details of statistics.

Reports were received from all of our twelve Presbyteries.

Alton's new secretary, Mrs. Lowe, reports encouraging things—meetings interesting—finances in good shape, and in some societies, increase in membership.

Bloomington celebrated their Silver Anniversary last April, with added gifts and interest—meeting at Champaign where the delegates were entertained in a delightful manner. Each society is reported as "doing its work faithfully and well."

Cairo held a very helpful Presbyterial Meeting and sends the usual good report.

Chicago. Mrs. Adams says:—"Our methods of work are simply the old ones, which have been worked over and over for so many years. We simply keep on—all the time—trying to call attention to our specials, and to the whole work. In season and out—here a little and there a good deal. We feel that in the matter of organization the churches are in quite good shape—except in the matter of 'Cradle Roll Tens." Interest seems to increase and the contributions also."

Ewing sends in the second annual report as a Presbyterial society and says that many changes in officers, both Presbyterial and local, have made this year one of instruction and preparation, nevertheless much good work has been done.

Freeport. Mrs. Warren writes of a very pleasant and profitable Presbyterial meeting held at Polo, September 21st. A goodly number of delegates being present notwithstanding the difficulty in reaching the place and the inclement weather.

Societies are in a prosperous condition and much interested in their work. $118.00 more in the Treasury than at this time last year.

Matton's secretary has written many letters, and reports five "Life Members" made last year. A gain of $74.16 in gifts and fresh courage for another twelve months of effort.

Ottawa rejoices in an advance in gifts over the corresponding quarters of last year—not large but a sign of more to follow. A helpful, inspiring Presbyterial meeting was held at Mendota.

Peoria has at last reached the goal they have striven for so long:—that of *even dollars* from *all* societies. Gifts have come in promptly and cheerfully and a gain is reported in both Home and Freedman work.

Rock River societies have made a gain of $117.64 for first four months in the year and send word of an enthusiastic Presbyterial meeting last spring at Geneseo, at which time Miss Julia Johnston stirred all hearts with her inspiring vision of "The Porters at the Gates."

Rushville has two new Life Members to report and Miss Curry, the new Presbyterial secretary writes:—"The societies have certainly gone forward during the summer months in spite of heat and vacation days, as we have an increase of $164.00 over this time last year. There has also been an advance in membership."

Springfield sent the usual full report—work faithfully and prayerfully done. The secretary laments that she has no new thing to present in the way of plans and methods.

Truly—the hearts of all "good workmen" are cheered by the note of progress apparent in the messages from our Presbyterial societies.

We have in this Synod:—371 woman's societies, with 9782 members—a record of 3275 meetings held—71 young woman's societies and bands—99

contributing Sunday Schools, 65 home mission study classes and 140 cradle roll tens.

Our gifts were as follows:

Woman's Societies	$25,514.63
Young Woman's Societies and Bands	1,462.86
Sunday Schools	1,099.42
Y. P. S. C. E.	1,956.59
Jr. Y. P. S. C. E.	381.77
Total	$30,415.27

A *gain in every point but one*—that of gifts from the Sunday Schools.

"Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms."

Our synodical specials remain the same as last year, with the same Presbyterial apportionments. We are urged to make a contribution of at least fifty cents per member each year to the General Fund. This would safe-guard the Woman's Board against a possible deficit by providing a fund to supplement unfulfilled pledges and the extra calls which are bound to come.

If each society would, at the beginning of the year, assume a definite amount, including both pledged work and the General Fund, and plan for equal quarterly payments in whole dollars, the payment of interest would be largely avoided, and the pressure on the Board treasury at the close of the year greatly reduced.

We are asked to enlarge our work among our foreign speaking peoples, and also to remember the dollar from each society for the "Emergency Fund." The synodical thank offering for which we planned last year is recommended heartily.

In unity there is strength and we ask united prayer that the work on the field may result in the saving of souls and that the reflex influence may be a blessing in our own hearts.

Respectfully submitted,

FANNY F. CLELAND,
Corresponding Secretary.

SUMMARY FOR 1909.

Number of Societies	371
Number of Members	9782
Number of Meetings held	3275
Number of Young Woman's Societies and Bands	71
Number of Sunday Schools Contributing	99
Number of Home Mission Study Classes	65
Number of Cradle Roll Tens	140
Copies of "H. M. M." taken	2216
Copies of "O. S. and L." taken	1387

Amount from Societies	$25514.63
Amount from Young Women's Societies and Bands	1462.86
Amount from Sunday Schools	1099.42
Amount from Y. P. S. or Y. P. S. C. E.	1956.59
Amount from Intermediate C. E.	
Amount from Junior C. E.	381.77
Total	$30415.27
How much of this amount for Freedmen	$5671.46
Contingent Fund	$942.68

VII.—OFFICERS AND REPORT OF SYNODICAL SOCIETY OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

President—Mrs. C. C. Brown, 833 South Fourth Street, Springfield.

Vice-President-at-Large—Mrs. J. W. Elder, Argenta.

Vice-Presidents—Mrs. George P. Williams, Evanston; Miss Caroline Sharpe, Chicago; Mrs. Helen M. Mills, Rock Island; Mrs. Emily Pence, Fairbury; Mrs. R. H. Rosenborough, Sparta; Mrs. J. R. E. Craighead, Anna; Mrs. D. T. Smiley, Freeport; Mrs. M. J. Slaymaker, Albany; Mrs. G. W. Rhoads, Shelbyville; Mrs. J. W. Pugh, Blandinsville; Mrs. Charles Handwerk, Morris; Mrs. B. H. Brainerd, Lincoln; Miss Julia H. Johnston, Peoria.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. S. O. Loughridge, 106 N. Madison Avenue, Peoria.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. D. T. McIntyre, Mattoon.

Treasurer Contingent Fund—Miss Mary Paddock, Pana.

Secretary Young People's Work—Miss Fanny E. Cleland, Rock Island.

Secretary of Literature—Mrs. J. H. Sykes, Springfield.

TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT.

Reports have been received from the twelve presbyterial organizations. Ten have gained in their contributions during the year ending April first, five during the succeeding summer months also. Total receipts for the year ending April first, from the Synodical society of Illinois, for Foreign Missions, is $51,189.00, a gain of $11,071.00. Total receipts from April first to October first, $15,956.00, a gain of $5,671.00.

Concerning membership, the total indicates an increase, but one or two secretaries were unable to send accurate figures. A Roll of Honor includes one organization in Chicago, and nine in Springeld Presbyterial society, that include every woman communicant in the missionary society, while Cairo, Chicago, Mattoon and Springfield report societies making decided gains in membership. Twenty four new organizations have been formed. Presbyterial meetings have been interesting and edifying. Chicago had, responding to a roll call, 335 ladies in attendance, the largest

number for several years. Peoria held its thirty fifth anniversary in the place, Henry, where it had been organized. Its record of the years was stirring, and its total amount contributed made the gathering of the *littles* much worth while. It is scarcely necessary to add that this organization has had the unique experience of a mother and daughter as its only two presidents, their praise being in all the churches. Springfield has added another missionary to its list, Miss Newman, sent and supported by the Lincoln society.

The synodical meeting was held at Quincy, October 5, 6, 7, Mrs. C. C. Brown, the president, in the chair. The attendance was good, all Presbyteries being represented. The time of the meeting was changed to the fourth week of October, and Peoria's invitation accepted for next year. We had the great pleasure of hearing Rev. and Mrs. Cunningham of China, the latter, one of the four supported by Illinois, and Miss Jenks of India, who is one of those supported by our young people. At the Thank-offering service conducted by Mrs. A. H. Stephens, $102.00 was given, to be divided equally between Home and Foreign Missions, and the hour solemn and impressive, was a beautiful preparation for the communion service that immediately followed, the pastor with Rev. Mr. Cunningham and Rev. Dr. W. S. Marquis officiating.

The death of the Rev. Mr. Richards is a sincere sorrow. His courtesy was so unfailing, his quiet efficiency so ample, his patience and zeal so unflagging, that we are deeply indebted to him. May we be followers of him as he was of his Master.

Respectfully submitted.

Mrs. S. O. Loughridge,
Corresponding Secretary.

VIII.—REPORT OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS, OCTOBER, 1909.

We all remember what a signal triumph it was for our navy when America's battleship fleet, having completed its circuit of the globe sailed into the harbor of Hampton Roads. It stirred our hearts with patriotic pride as the sixteen noble vessels with banners flying, bands playing and cannons thundering salutes steamed past the reviewing party. During their absence of fourteen months, the fleet had sailed 45,000 miles and had carried the stars and stripes into the principal ports of the world —impressing the resources of our republic upon the different nations and cementing more strongly our cordial relations with other peoples.

But we wish to speak today of another fleet—the "Missionship Fleet" sent out by the young people of this synod. We would remember the members of our army who have gone into the ports of paganism carrying

the banner of the Lord Jesus Christ and news pertaining to the kingdom of the Prince of Peace.

Korea, Japan, Laos, India, Persia, Guatemala and Chili are welcoming our messengers, sent out under the greatest of all flags and in the name of "Him before whom every knee should bow and every tongue confess." We would record the achievements and the victories won over ignorance and superstition, not to laud ourselves, not to magnify our own endeavor, but to give all glory to the King of Kings.

The young people of Illinois have a great power placed in their hands as a part of the army of the Lord. What have we been doing to support our messengers of the Missionship Fleet? What stores of encouragement, cheer, and armament have we been sending out to them from the resources entrusted to us? What interest have we shown in their welfare and the progress of their mission?

About 300 societies reported and almost without exception these all have Missionary Committees (more or less active) and conduct a monthly missionary service. Many missionary libraries, ranging from 20 to 200 volumes; 80 Missionary addresses delivered under the auspices of the young people; about 800 copies of the various magazines and in addition those taken in the home and not reported; 42 study classes and a goodly number of systematic givers show us that a large number of our young peeople are up and doing.

Our gift-account is as follows:—

From Endeavor Societites (Senior and Junior)	$4841.55
From Young Woman's Societies and Bands	1272.82
Total	$6114.37

an increase of $280.39 over last year.

Several "Young People's Hours" of unusual interest were held in connection with the Presbyterial Meetings last spring.

Freeport has a Young People's Missionary union. The annual meeting held in Belvidere last March was well attended, inspiring and helpful. The Society of Freeport 2nd reported a "Missionary reading contest" productive of good results. Sides were chosen and a keen rivalry as to which should read the largest number of missionary books kept things stirred up.

Woodstock spent a pleasant social evening in booths representing various mission stations. They have lost many good workers by removal and it is not as easy as formerly for them to raise their offering, but the secretary writes: "We have a determination and we get the money."

Rushville young people discussed the following during their Hour at Presbyterial Meeting:—"Why no more time for the Master's work?" "Why no more interest for the Master's work?" "Why no more knowledge for the Master's work?" "Why no more workers for the Master's work?"

Rock River took a "Post Card Trip" to China, India, Korea and Japan, which added to the interest of the day. Miss Brown of Springfield reports renewed zeal and increased membership in many societies because of the Sunday Meetings within the bounds of the Presbytery.

Miss Shasberger of Chicago visited 25 societies last year; she feels that there still is much need for education as so many societies give to other than regularly assigned objects and the pastors themselves do not fully realize the importance of Presbyterial organization when it concerns the missionary work of the young people.

The societies of Rushville sent their Missionary in India, Rev. John Hyde, a "Post Card Shower" last Easter.

Alton, Bloomington, Freeport, Mattoon, Ottawa and Rushville all have new secretaries of Young People's work. We heartily appreciate the years of loving service rendered by those faithful friends who have laid down the office. The success of the work has been due to them in large measure, and the friendships so cemented will still last through the years to come.

We welcome gladly those upon whom the mantle has fallen, knowing that they also bring zeal and faithfulness to be used of Him.

So may we all enter upon the coming year with a deeper appreciation of what God has entrusted to us, and a firmer determniation to support our Missionship Fleet and our representatives abroad more loyally.

Respectfully submitted,

FANNY F. CLELAND, *Secretary.*

IX.—LIST OF CHURCHES, NUMBER OF ELDERS AND CLERKS OF SESSIONS.

PRESBYTERY OF ALTON

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
9	Alton, First	S. R. McClure
6	Alton, 12th St.	C. E. Freeman
3	Baldwin	Wm. Wilson
4	Belleville	S. P. Hyde
3	Bethalto	Harry Duffy
5	Bethel	W. F. Dressor, Reno
4	Blair	B. M. Hawthorne
4	Brighton	W. H. Hart
3	Butler	Geo. W. Dryer
6	Carlinville	W. T. Brown
4	Carlyle	C. P. Norris
5	Carrollton	E. D. Clark
5	Chester	H. B. Nisbett
7	Coffeen	B. F. Pierce
2	Collinsville	R. S. Reed
4	Donnellson	H. C. Hawkins
6	East St. Louis. 1st.	H. J. Buerki
3	East St. Louis 2nd	W. M. Stewart
2	East St. Louis, Bond Ave.	W. E. Archibald, D.D.
3	East St. Louis, Winstanley Park	W. A. Flett
3	Ebenezer	J. W. Harry Rockwood
6	Edwardsville	J. H. Glass
4	Girard	S. O. Smith
6	Granite City	J. C. Reintges
6	Greenfield	W. A. Saylor

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
10	Greenville	S. Curtis White
4	Hardin	Wm. M. Fisher
8	Hillsboro	J. O. Fisher
9	Irving	Baxter Williams
8	Jerseyville	Geo. H. Van Horne
1	Kampsville	C. P. Becker
1	Lebanon, Marshall Memorial	S. F. Flint
3	Liberty Prairie	J. W. Arbuthnot
		Edwardsville
7	Litchfield	J. R. Paisley
2	Madison	Louis Baer
3	Maple Grove	N. A. Hughey,
		Donnellson
4	Marissa	O. M. Wylie
4	Moro	A. H. Smith
4	Nokomis	Wm. Taylor
3	Palmyra	A. Allen
3	Raymond	Dr. W. H. Mercer
3	Rockwood	Sam P. Mann
5	Sorento	Imbert H. Denny
12	Sparta	James Gordon, Sr.
3	Spring Cove	H. B. Warner
		Medora
5	Staunton	Harvey Stroud
2	Steelville	J. M. Mongomery
2	Sugar Creek	E. Bryan,
		Trenton, R. F. D.
3	Summit Grove	D. S. H. Nevius,
		Kampsville
4	Trenton	Dr. A. W. Carter
3	Troy	Dr. F. M. Zanders
3	Unity	W. H. Steele
		Rockwood
5	Upper Alton	Walter H. Bradley
7	Virden, First	J. M. Furry
1	Virden, North	W. L. Porter
2	Walnut Grove	H. D. Burruss,
		Carrollton, R. F. D.
1	Walnut Hill	J. J. Loney
		Rockwood
4	Walshville	Layton Barlow
2	Waveland	J. A. Clotfelter
		Hillsboro
6	White Hall	Charles Richert
3	Witt	Aaron Platt
	Yankeetown	John Anderson, Sr.
		Prairie du Rocher

BLOOMINGTON PRESBYTERY.

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
3	Allerton	A. C. Thullberry
	Alvin	C. A. Peterson
7	Bement	L. H. Alvord
7	Bloomington, First	W. T. Gray
11	Bloomington, 2d	C. C. Marquis
	Bethel	J. D. Prater,
		Humrick
4	Catlin	A. B. Church
2	Cerro Gordo	S. C. McKay
8	Champaign	Geo. W. Harwood
5	Chenoa	E. P. Holderness
3	Clarence	J. C. Smith,
		Rankin, R. F. D.
8	Clinton	W. B. Rundle
1	Colfax	Stephen Daniels
3	Cooksville	J. C. Wilson, Jr.
6	Danvers	John T. Ayers
9	Danville, First	C. T. Yeomans
6	Danville, Olivet	C. B. Simms
8	Danville, Immanuel	A. L. Rice
6	Danville, Bethany	Wm. Kraul
3	Danville, Second	John Coyle
4	DeWitt	Asa Wilson
2	Downs	G. G. Dooley
	Elm Grove	J. E. Britton,
		Clinton, R. F. D.
5	El Paso	Geo. Shuman
6	Fairbury	Chas. W. Keck
3	Fairmount	A. J. Leitzbach
	Farmer City	
4	Georgetown	Allen Golden
9	Gibson City	O. H. Damon
4	Gilman	Henry Harris
6	Heyworth	A. V. Hageman
3	Highland	Ernest Guthrie
		Hastings
4	Homer	J. G. White

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
8	Hoopeston	M. A. Boardman
3	Jersey	John Odell, Fisher, R. F. D.
8	Leroy	Frank Dolly
8	Lexington	W. R. Mahan
	Liberty	
4	Mahomet	J. W. Herriott, Jr.
4	Mansfield	E. S. Cunningham
3	Midland City	A. C. Jones
6	Monticello	C. J. Baer
4	Mt. Carmel	Walter Nichols, Leroy, R. F. D.
3	Mt. Pisgah	W. L. Long Georgetown
6	Mt. Pleasant	Thos. Glenn, Stanford, R. F. D.
6	Normal	A. E. Stout
	Olive Branch	
7	Onarga	W. A. Elliott
4	Paxton	Ed Given
6	Philo	S. S. Love
4	Pleasant Ridge	G. H. Taylor, Fairmount
8	Piper City, 1st	W. O. McKinney
3	Piper City, 2d	Jacob Ehresman Roberts, R. F. D.
3	Prairie View	J. H. Noble, Savoy, R. F. D.
4	Rankin	J. S. Hewins
10	Ridgefarm	J. C. Jones
6	Rossville	Geo. Maury
4	Sheldon	R. Ross
	Selma	
5	Sidney	C. S. Helm
	Sheridan	J. A. Jackson Sidell
6	Tolono	T. M. Salisbury
2	Towanda	G. W. Peterson
9	Urbana	Prof. T. A. Clark
6	Watseka	L. B. Segur
5	Waynesville	W. H. Finfrock
6	Wellington	W. V. Doan
	Yankee Point	John Fortune Ridgefarm

PRESBYTERY OF CAIRO.

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
5	Anna	Dr. F. A. Sabin
6	Ava	Matt Wright
2	Bethlehem	Geo. Walter, Brownfield
	Broughton	Roy Summers
5	Cairo	M. Easterday
4	Campbell Hill	J. M. Hanna
8	Carbondale	J. M. Johnson
4	Carterville	H. M. Richart
2	Central	W. Jenkins, Crossville
5	Cobden	H. A. DuBois
2	Concord	Mrs. E. Rose, Vienna, R. F. D. 3
2	County Line	Mrs. L. Kerley, Flatswood
	Cora City	G. F. Rea
2	Eldorado	L. F. West
5	Equality	T. A. Davis
5	Galatia	R. P. Jones
4	Golconda	D. G. Thompson
2	Good Hope	John Reiner, Karber's Ridge
2	Grand Tower	J. W. Davis
5	Harrisburg	W. P. Hallock
3	Herrin	R. S. Yuill
2	Latham Springs	P. Y. Veach, Vienna.
1	Liberty	Gilbert Barnett, Buncombe
4	Metropolis	C. P. Treat
2	Mt. Hebron	Jeff Coleman, Oakville
3	Mt. Pleasant	H. A. Swan, Marion, R. F. D. 2
2	Mt. Sterling	M. K. Bennett, Unionville
8	Murphysboro	J. J. Pierson
	Marion	Henry Bantz
	New Hope	Ernest Gibson, Goreville
	New Liberty	G. W. Whiteside, Eddyville

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
6	New Prospect	Chas. Rhine, Eldorado
3	New Haven	F. M. Davis
4	Oak Grove	J. B. Hale, Cottonwood
	Old Home	Mrs. M. I. Rumsey, Eddyville
	Palestine	H. P. Blackard, Omaha
5	Pisgah	J. W. Rogers, Junction
3	Pleasant Grove	Z. W. Young, Eldorado
	Pleasant Hill	Mrs. Mary S. Barger, Eddyville
3	Providence	Monroe Turner, Carrier Mills
5	Ridgeway	R. G. Hemphill
4	Ringgold	Dr. Ed. McCabe, Bowlesville, Shawneetown

CHICAGO PRESBYTERY

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
	Arlington Heights	Sherman E. Pate, Arlington Heights, Ill.
	Austin	Alpheus McCallum, 5906 Ohio St.
	Avondale	Axel B. Paulson, 3436 N. Albany Ave.
	Belden Ave.	Geo. A. Ringland, 2442 Surrey Court
	Berwyn	Arthur J. Dunham, Berwyn, Ill.
	Bethany	Adam Spiers, 3642 Hirsch St.
	Braidwood	Albert A. Pawling, Braidwood, Ill.
	Brighton Park	Richard Colling, 2241 W. 38 St.
	Brookline	Peter Storms, 7320 Evans Ave.
	Buckingham	Henry S. Randall, Buckingham, Ill.
	Buena Memorial	Wilbur R. Wilson, 851 Wilson Ave.
	Cabery	William R. Watts, Cabery, Ill.
	Calvary	J. Brainerd Kerr 4238 Gladys Ave.
	Campbell Park	Henry W. Allen, 913 Oakley Boul.
	Central Park	Briggs G. Fay, 3339 Walnut St.
	Chicago First	Henry H. Munger, 2818 Calumet Ave.
	Chicago Second	Henry M. Ralston, 1138 Marquette Bldg.
	Chicago Third	Charles A. Stone, 1024 First Nat. Bank
	Chicago Fourth	William M. Smith, 628 Sheridan Road
	Chicago Sixth	Frederick Templeton, 516 E. 36 St.
	Chicago Seventh	Frank C. Gault, 8719 Center
	Chicago Eighth	Frank W. Main, 2329 W. Monroe St.
	Chicago Ninth	August Hatchfield, 3923 Flournoy St.
	Chicago Tenth	Wm. Groundwater, 5932 Green St.
	Chicago Eleventh	James Shedden, 1503 Bryn Mawr Ave.
	Chicago 41st St.	William L. Moss, 809 Monadnock Bldg.
	Chicago 52d Ave.	Merle M. Johnstone, 517 N. 51 Court
	Chicago Heights	J. Frank Caskey Chicago Heights, Ill.
	Chicago Lawn	Robert C. Marquis, 6034 S. Sawyer Ave.
	Christ	Howard E. Snyder, 1714 Orchard St.
	Covenant	Edward A. Halsey, 851 Belden Ave.
	Crerar Memorial	John H. Kinney, 5534 Indiana Ave.

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
	Deerfield	C. Johnston Davis, Deerfield, Ill.
	Drexel Park	John W. Lunt, 6432 Paulina St.
	DuPage	George B. Boardman, Plainfield, Ill.
	Edgewater	Edward J. Holden, 5062 Kenmore Ave.
	Elwood	William J. Keith, Elwood, Ill.
	Emerald Ave.	Alexander McDougall, 7113 Normal Ave.
	Endeavor	Arthur B. Roerr, 3828 N. Paulina St.
	Englewood	James Strachan, Jr., 6008 Princeton Ave.
	Erie Chapel	James Creighton, Oak Park, Ill.
	Evanston First	Wm. P. Turner, Evanston, Ill.
	Evanston Second	J. Webb Griffin, Evanston, Ill.
	Faith	Ralph W. Olmstead, 5339 W. Indiana St.
	Fullerton Ave	Robert Koehler, 2034 Orchard St
	Gardner	Winfield S. Allison, Gardner, Ill.
	Garfield Boul	John L.S.Hall, M.D., 4800 S. Ashland Ave.
	Grace	Joseph W. Moore, 72 E. Monroe St.
	Harvey	Joel E. Field, Harvey, Ill.
	Herscher	Jay A. Fitterley, Herscher, Ill.
	Highland Park	Henry M. Bacon, Highland Park, Ill.
	Hinsdale	Tappan R. Swezey, Hinsdale, Ill.
	Homewood	William Cone, Homewood, Ill.
	Hope	Julius G. Brumfield 6227 Loomis St.
	Hyde Park	Arthur P. Rugg, 1516 E. 54 St.
	Immanuel	George S. McConnell, 942 W. Garfield Boul.
	Italian	Filippo Grilli, 510 N. May St.
	Itasca	Edwin O. Nichols, Itasca, Ill.
	Jefferson Park	J. Fred Keeber, 1133 W. Jackson Boul.
	Joliet First	Frank E. Marsh, Joliet, Ill.
	Joliet Second	Alfred Van Fleet, Joliet, Ill.
	Joliet Central.	Edw. C. Puddicombe, Joliet, Ill.
	Joliet Willow Ave.	Andrew S. Patterson. Joliet, Ill.
	Kankakee	Harlan M. Stone, Kankakee
	La Grange	George H. Bremner, La Grange, Ill.
	Lake Forest	Alfred C. Haven, Lake Forest, Ill.
	Lake View	Charles M. Williams, 3656 Pine Grove Ave.
	Libertyville	Adkins M. Casey, Libertyville, Ill.
	Logan Square	Anthony V. D. Hack, 2630 Monticello Ave.
	Manteno	Charles M. Wright, Manteno, Ill.
	Marlboro	Charles W. Stewart, 6737 Winchester Ave.
	Maywood	Charles Lancaster, Maywood, Ill.
	Millard Ave	Robert H. Ewing, 2411 S. Ridgeway Ave.
	Morgan Park	Robert B. Thomson, Morgan Park, Ill.
	New Hope	James Ross Coal City, Ill.
	Normal Park	Joseph K. Brittain, 7126 Princeton Ave.

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
	Oak Park First	Louis A. Bowman, Oak Park, Ill.
	Oak Park Second	Fred J. King, Oak Park, Ill.
	Olivet Memorial	Adolf L. Rowe, 738 Vedder St.
	Onward	Edward Leach, 520 N. Western Ave.
	Peotone	Herman P. Young, Peotone, Ill.
	Providence	William A. Aldrich, 1032 Roscoe St.
	Pullman	William Craig, 11229 Morse Ave.
	Ravenswood	Robert C. Cope, 4227 N. Paulina St.
	Ridgeway Ave.	Jacob F. Heinz, 520 N. Lawndale Ave.
	River Forest	Walter B. Downs, River Forest, Ill.
	Riverside	Chandler P. Beach, Riverside, Ill.
	Roseland	John Madderom, 10944 Wabash Ave.
	Roseland Central	Peter S. Sutcliffe, 233 W. 106 St.
	Scotch Westminster	Alex. Eunson, 6430 S. Lincoln St.
	South Chicago	George H. Paine, 3007 E. 80th St.
	South Park	Edwin S. Stewart, M.D., 4624 Indiana Ave.
	South Waukegan	Hubert M. Henry, North Chicago, Ill.
	St. Anne	Edward C. Corkins, St. Anne, Ill.
	Waukegan	James D. Skene, Waukegan, Ill.
	West Division St.	Alexander Carswell, 3923 Potomac Ave., Chicago
	Wilmington	William A. Pawling, Wilmington, Ill.
	Wheaton	William H. Monroe, Wheaton, Ill.
	Windsor Park	Raleigh Kershaw, 7816 Bond Ave.
	Woodlawn Park	Morris M. Jones 6425 Monroe Ave.

PRESBYTERY OF EWING

8	Albion	C. S. Stewart
6	Bridgeport	C. H. Martin
	Burnt Prairie	Jas. Morrison
3	Calvin	Wm. C. Frost Crossville
5	Carmi	C. S. Conger
8	Centralia	Dr. H. D. Buck
	Crossville	J. E. Frazier
2	Du Quoin	L. S. Smith
3	Elm River	E. R. McCracken Jeffersonville
4	Enfield	J. E. Willis
4	Fairfield	John Keen, Jr.
6	Flora	S. C. Dayton
3	Friendsville	B. W. Lucas Mt. Carmel, R. F. D. 1
8	Galum	F. P. Anderson, Pinckneyville
2	Gilead	Porter Craig, Sumner
5	Grayville	W. J. Seil
3	Kell	M. C. Kell
3	Kinmundy	D. C. Beaver
3	Lawrenceville	F. W. Kellar
3	Liberty	Lewis Stein, Grayville
4	McLeansboro	J. M. Weldon
7	Mt. Carmel	J. B. Maxwell
4	Mt. Olivet	Wm. Eberhart, Dundas
3	Mt. Nebo	J. W. Sullivan, Bonnie
6	Mt. Vernon	L. Irons

No. Elders.	Churches	Clerks.
	Mt. Oval	Gus Morris, Gossett
	Mt. Olive	G. W. Smith Omaha
3	Nashville	J. M. Hassinger
4	New Bethel	L. E. Brubaker, Salem
3	Norris City	A. G. Black
3	Odin	John McMurray, Salem, R. F. D. 2
9	Olney	J. T. Radcliff
	Omega	A. A. Southward, Kinmundy
5	Pisgah	T. H. Gutteridge, Sumner, R. F. D.
7	Richland	Rufus Snively, Olney
8	Salem	A. R. Allmon
5	Sumner	H. M. Wagner
3	Tamaroa	Mark Blanchard
3	Union (Wayne Co.)	J. D. C. Day, Fairfield
	Union (White Co.)	Golden Gate
5	Union Ridge	Robert Harris, Norris City
5	Wabash	J. M. Loeffler Allendale
5	Zion	A. M. E. Martin, Xenia

FREEPORT

Apple River	James Charlton
Belvidere	E. T. Gage
Cedarville	Henry Richart
Dakota	H. F. Barr (Ridott)
Elizabeth	James Rowe
Freeport First	F. F. Brown
Freeport Second	G. M. Fugate
Galena First	J. S. Helm
Galena South	J. G. Crooks
Hanover	W. N. Miller

No. Elders.	Churches	Clerks.
	Harvard	Jas. L. Anderson
	Hebron	W. T. Rowbotham
	Linn	Chas. L. Nichols
	Marengo	C. P. Filmore
	Middle Creek	W. W. Bridgeland, Winnebago, R.F.D.
	Oregon	Alpha Jones
	Polo	J. W. Clinton
	Ridgefield	L. A. Walkup
	Rockford First	Walter Morgan
	Rockford Westminister.	Alex Giffen
	Savanna	E. Hammersmith
	Scales Mound	Rev. F. Breuchert
	Warren	G. W. Pepoon
	Willow Creek	Jas. C. Greenlee
	Winnebago	W. J. Wells
	Woodstock	Rev. S. C. Hay
	Zion	Rev. F. Breuchert

MATTOON PRESBYTERY

4	Altamont	J. L. Brummerstedt
4	Arcola	H. U. Potter
3	Ashmore	J. R. Guthrie
4	Ashmore (A)	W. H. Galbreath
4	Assumption	F. G. Mitchell
5	Beckwith Prairie	Orville E. Jones, Duncanville
4	Bethany	E. G. Spence, Assumption R.F.D. 1
5	Bethany (A)	W. H. Logan
3	Bethel	Fred L. Munson, Arcola
3	Casey	George F. Shimel
5	Charleston Central	O. B. Root
8	Charleston First	I. B. Mitchell
2	Chrisman	John Mitchell
3	Dalton City	J. H. Uppendahl
6	Effingham	H. S. Parker
3	Fairfield	Andrew M. Kenney, Broadlands
3	Farina	J. W. Harris

No. Elders.	Churches	Clerks.
5	Gays	J. M. Moore
	Good Prospect	Elmer E. Wood, Trilla
4	Grand View	C. C. Clapp, Dudley R.F.D. 12
3	Greenup	L. A. Fisher, M.D.
4	Kansas	Chas. A. Hite
3	La Fayette	J. L. Woodrum, Mattoon R.F.D. 7
	Lebanon	Elmer Gordon, Martinsville
4	Lerna	J. Will Walker
4	Loxa	G. C. Harman, Mattoon R.F.D. 7
7	Mattoon Broadway	C. W. Kincaid
9	Mattoon First	Frank Cox
3	Mattoon Marshall Ave.	Rev. S. A. Hughart
6	Moweaqua	Reed A. Wilson
7	Neoga	S. F. Wilson
8	Newman	A. S. Hawkins
2	New Providence	W. A. Rowley, Vermilion R. F. D. 33
	New Providence(A)	Chackley Bailiff...West York
4	Newton	R. H. Vanderhoof
6	Oakland	O. L. Minter
5	Palestine	Ira H. Bussard
9	Pana	E. M. Hybarger
8	Paris	George H. Crowell
4	Pleasant Prairie	John T. McDonald...Lerna
6	Rardin	William F. Foley
6	Robinson	C. W. Pittinger
3	St. Omer	John F. Galbreath, Ashmore
5	Shelbyville	George B. Rhoads
3	Shepla	Oscar Haddock, Charleston R.F.D. 1
4	Shiloh	J. Nat. Price, Lerna
5	Sullivan	W. G. Covey
6	Toledo	J. W. Grissom
5	Tower Hill	A. A. Eiler
5	Tuscola	J. R. Cantrall
	Union	A. Walton, Hindsborough
6	Vandalia	T. N. Pitkin
3	Watson	Orison Reynolds
3	West Okaw	J. H. Baird, Bethany R.F.D. 2
4	White Hall	Jasper Lacy, Neeoga, R.F.D. 2
	Willow Creek	T. M. Cooper, Martinsville
3	Windsor	Rev. W.W.M. Barber
3	Woods Chapel	Earl L. Young, Neoga R.F.D. 1

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA

No. Elders.	Churches	Clerks.
7	Aurora	Thos. B. Swan
4	Au Sable	J. V. Jessup, Oswego, Ill., R.F.D.
3	Brookfield	Geo. R. Marsh, Marsailles, Ill.
4	Earlville	D. L. Barnard
8	Elgin	Thomas Holmes
2	Florid	Milton Ford
7	Grand Ridge	F. H. Poundstone
4	Kings	A. F. Konkle
8	Mendota	Walter Black
	Meriden	Jas. C. McDowell
5	Minonk	J. A. Simpson
6	Morris	H. R. Walker
5	Oswego	G. M. Croushorn
6	Ottawa	J. L. Thomas
6	Paw Paw	Robert Pogue
9	Pontiac	E. H. Phillips
2	Reading	L. M. Tombaugh, Streator
6	Rochelle	C. J. McClymonds
5	Sandwich	W. W. Woodbury
9	Streator	Wm. M. Griffith
2	Troy Grove	A. C. McDowell
5	Waltham	D. A. Bennett, Utica
4	Waterman	W. H. McFarlane
6	Wenona	J. B. Duncan

PRESBYTERY OF PEORIA

No. Elders.	Churches	Clerks.
2	Alta	J. T. Hawley
5	Altona	J. W. McQueen
1	Astoria	John Meredith
3	Banner	C. H. Northrup, Glasford
2	Brunswick	M. T. Graham, Brimfield
6	Canton	W. C. Sanders
2	Crow Meadow	F. N. Rood, La Rose
4	Delavan	J. T. Culbertson
5	Elmira	Geo. Rutherford, Toulon
6	Elmwood	J. D. Lyon
6	Eureka	G. E. Anthony
6	Farmington	John Caldwell
2	French Grove	W. E. Reed, Brimfield
7	Galesburg	Geo. T. Sellew,
2	Green Valley	C. E. Schureman
4	Hanna City	J. W. Parr
5	Henry	J. A. Williams
4	Hopedale	J. C. Mickle
3	Ipava	C. S. S. Barrows
7	Isabel	J. C. Coleman, Ipava
9	Knoxville	F. Z. Harmony
5	Lewistown	F. L. Lilly
2	Limestone	Wm. Taylor, Hanna City
3	Oneida	M. Gehring
9	Peoria, First	J. E. F. Fisher
6	Peoria, Second	S. M. Clarke
4	Peoria, Arcadia Ave	E. B. Hazen
3	Peoria Bethel	B. F. Waggoner
9	Peoria, Calvary	R. O. Bolles
1	Peoria, First (German)	D. K. Teesson
4	Peoria, Grace	E. M. Voorhees
4	Peoria, Westminster	R. C. Kuhn
3	Pottstown	C. E. Miller
3	Princeville	B. H. Wear
4	Prospect	W. A. Hervey, Dunlap
7	Table Grove	H. L. Story
3	Union	H. T. Gale, Atlanta
2	Vermont	Walter Wynn
4	Washington	I. A. Cornelison
8	Yates City	L. A. Lawrence

PRESBYTERY OF ROCK RIVER

No. Elders.	Churches	Clerks.
3	Albany	H. C. Johnson
8	Aledo	H. Bigelow
6	Alexis	Alvah Weed
2	Arlington	W. H. Neill
3	Ashton	A. M. Moore
1	Beulah	W. H. Killing
3	Buffalo Prairie	Jas. T. Wyllie Millersburg
6	Center (Seaton)	F. M. Roth
2	Coal Valley	R. J. Bailey
8	Dixon	John Laing
3	Edgington	Jas. Venable
2	Franklin Grove	J. Blocher
4	Fulton	J. McCullagh
3	Garden Plain	J. T. Nicewonger
5	Geneseo	Alex Clark
5	Hamlet, Aledo	Elisha Lee
4	Joy	G. F. Harvey
2	Keithsburg	Fred Humbert
5	Kewanee	C. A. Brown
4	Ladd	J. H. Colver
3	Milan	C. D. McLaughlin
5	Millersburg	J. T. Gilmore
8	Morrison	C. E. Johnson
4	Munson	
4	Newton, Erie	G. C. Blean
5	Norwood, Alexis	A. H. Graham
4	Peniel (Aledo)	J. G. Haverfield
3	Perryton, Aledo	Alva Doak
2	Pleasant Ridge	Pres. Pastor, Milan
7	Princeton	Guy A. Bryant

No. Elders.	Churches.	Clerks.
6	Rock Island, Broadway	A. H. McCandless
6	Rock Island, Central	John Liedtke
3	Spring Valley (Thompson)	J. Grier Miller
7	Sterling	G. M. Robinson
4	Viola	T. F. Stexton
6	Woodhull	A. A. Mackey

RUSHVILLE PRESBYTERY

5	Appanoose	Hugh Jackson, Niota
5	Augusta	H. N. Holmes
4	Argyle	W. Baumgardner, Colchester
3	Bardolph	W. W. Hendricks
3	Baylis	J. W. Reynolds
4	Bethel	K. H. Louis, Hamilton
5	Biggsville	A. P. McHenry
5	Brooklyn	Jonas King
4	Bushnell	Wm. J. Fultz
3	Burton Memorial	S. Bicker, Quincy R. F. D. 1
7	Camp Creek	J. Campbell, Macomb
5	Camp Point	E. B. Sawyer
9	Carthage	W. E. Lyon
6	Clayton	J. L. Tarbox
1	Chili	D. G. Todd, Bowen, R. F. D. 1
4	Doddsville	A. H. Harshey, Industry
6	Elvaston	J. H. Horney
4	Ebenezer	B. W. Taylor. Macomb, R. F. D. 4
3	Ellington	T. Will Turner, Quincy, R. F. D. 3
1	Fairmount	A. L. Mart, Baylis, R. F. D. 3
4	Fountain Green	J. T. Spangler, Carthage R. F. D. 3
6	Good Hope	H. A. Allison
5	Hersman	G. W. Means
2	Huntsville	L. F. King
5	Kirkwood	W. D. Campbell
2	Liberty	C. W. Linn
2	Lee	G. T. Jennings, Timewell
9	Macomb, First	F. R. Warren
5	Macomb, C. P.	John P. Boyle
11	Monmouth	J. C. Irvine
5	Mt. Carmel	J. D. Carson, Colchester
3	Mt. Horeb	John Alexander Golden
4	New Salem	W. H. Laird, Maysville
4	Nauvoo	A. C. Mills
3	Mt. Sterling	F. D. Crane
4	Olive	W. B. Rigg, Mt. Sterling
4	Oquawka	J. W. Gordon
2	Perry	Wm. H. Wilson
2	Point Pleasant	Mrs. J. J. Boyd Roseville
3	Pontoosuc	W. W. Murtland
5	Plymouth	W. F. Ogilvie
4	Prairie City	Robt. Burden
8	Quincy	J. M. Welch
6	Rushville	H. B. Roach
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